



## *Eastin-Arcola Wildcats*

To our entire school community of Eastin-Arcola,

First of all, I would like to say “congratulations” to our 8th grade students. We celebrated their promotion yesterday, and are providing them encouragement as they move onto the next chapter in their education...high school! We are very proud of you, and we will definitely miss all of you.

Well everyone, here we are at the end of this rewarding, yet challenging school year. I want to thank everyone for being part of our amazing Wildcat Team, including students, families, and staff who have worked together through thick and thin to make the most of everything that came our way. Thank you for being flexible and willing to adapt, especially during this last quarter of the school year. I am so thankful for the way you were able to work together to connect school and home in our efforts to provide a continued education for our students. We have all learned a lot, and will use these experiences as we move forward. When we work as a team, we accomplish so much.

This has been a stressful and difficult ending to the school year with all that is going on in our state, our country, and worldwide. There is so much out there that informationally makes its way into our homes - through TV and social media. Parents, as we transition to summer vacation, take time to sit down and speak with your children about what is happening in a way he/she can understand. Discuss with your child your values and beliefs, and even your concerns about what they're seeing and hearing around them. It is through these conversations with you that they will learn to think clearly and make wise decisions of their own. It's important that we talk with them to provide the information we want them to hear, so we can also assure them we are prepared to keep them safe and cared for. Keep it simple and appropriate for your child's age, but be open and receptive to talk.

Please know that our staff at Eastin-Arcola is committed and dedicated to providing each and every student the best education possible under whatever circumstances we find ourselves faced with as we begin the new school year. We value each child and their family, as an important part of our school community. Although we aren't sure what school will look like when we return in August, we do know that education is important, and we will work with our district to provide the best educational experience possible under the guidelines we need to follow. Continue to read and listen to district communications, and in addition we will continue our communication with you as well.

As we transition to summer, here are some ideas for you and your child(ren) to consider, to keep their brains sharp while connecting continued learning to things that are fun and enjoyable.

- Continue to utilize some of the educational websites they are used to using.
- Arrange for them to go on a virtual field trip, to learn about and discover new places, people or things. There are many available online, including museums, zoos, and various places of interest.
- Research something that interests them, and then have them share it with you or present it as if they are talking in front of their class.
- Review site words, math facts, and definitely keep reading. Have your child discuss what they've read and really encourage their creativity.
- Play board games that require thinking and talking, and enjoy arts/crafts activities as well. Put together a puzzle!
- Spend time being active outside, and plan activities in your own surroundings or beyond
- Ask your child about their goals and plans for next school year. Discuss what they've learned and what they are looking forward to learning in the future.
- Give your child(ren) your time and attention. This is honestly what they need the most.

We hope you enjoy your summer, and continue to spend some quality time with your families. We will continue our meal distributions on Tuesdays, so we look forward to seeing you through the months of June and July. Please feel free to contact our teachers through Class Dojo, or email me at [daneneguglielmana@maderausd.org](mailto:daneneguglielmana@maderausd.org) if you have any questions, concerns or inquiries. Take care, and we will see you soon.

With warm regards,

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