Dear Dragon Families,

I am hoping that you and your family are well and managing these difficult times. We are excited to have launched our remote learning plan! Our teachers have worked very hard to prepare for a smooth transition from teaching your children in our brick and mortar building to remote teaching and learning. The level of collaboration has been astounding. The staff are truly dedicated and invested in serving our community to the highest level possible. We have had several virtual staff meetings, and it was so nice to be able to have some time to reflect with them on the glows and grows about our digital learning process. We are truly a family and will continue to offer high quality programs to all of our students.

SVVSD has sent out information to all families regarding the remote learning process. You also should be in close communication with your student’s classroom teacher. They will be your main point of contact. SVVSD previously offered paper packets for the past 2 weeks. However, please be aware that starting next week, we will move solely to an online digital platform of either See Saw - for grade PreK-3rd, and Schoology for grades 4 and 5. If your family is in need of a device, please be aware that SVVSD might be able to help provide a device for your family. You can visit the Community Resource Center 401 S. Pratt Parkway in Longmont. They will be open on Tuesdays from 7:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. If you have questions about either of these online platforms, please contact your student’s teacher.

We are excited that many of our teachers have been able to connect with students through Webex and other video chat tools. However, to protect the privacy of all students and families, we ask that you refrain from posting photos, screenshots, or recordings of these classroom experiences on social media.

If your student(s) completed the paper packet that was provided by SVVSD, please be aware that we will place a collection tub for completed packets at the front door of our school. It will be available for completed packet deposit 9:00 a.m.- 3:00p.m. weekdays.

**Dragon Drops**
(Little Drops of Helpful Info for Parents and Guardians)

**Digital Learning Tips:**

1. **Getting Started:** Once your student has been introduced to the online platform and is ready to begin his/her work, it’s time to make sure that their workspace is designed for productivity, and also to avoid distractions. Your student should have a workspace with room for, not only their computer but also space for anything else they might need during a typical school day, such as pens, pencils, notepads, calculator, etc. The workspace should lay flat, such as a desk or table.

2. **Do Your Research:** As the parent of an online learner, it is imperative that you are aware of the tools and services available to your student. Parents often feel isolated and are unsure of where to go if their student needs help. Please reach out to your student’s teacher with questions. By adequately preparing, and knowing how to help your student, your student can successfully navigate the online educational world.

3. **Communication:** Aside from actual time spent working online, one significant indicator of student success is the frequency and duration of a student’s interaction with teachers, parents, and other students, regarding school and schoolwork. Additionally, parents should never hesitate to call or email their student’s teacher, if they have any questions, need assistance, or need advice on how to help their student succeed.

I am so grateful and humbled to be principal. I am committed to our community and ensuring that our students continue to receive the very best each and every day! During this time, please be patient, flexible, and gracious with us. We are truly dedicated to doing this right; however, this is all new to us as well. The world right now is stressful and our staff will continue to perform their jobs at a high level. Please know that we are also dealing with the stresses at home and with our personal families during this crisis. We are all in this together and will get through this together. Please visit WWW.SVVSD.ORG/CORONAVIRUS FOR INFORMATION. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions:

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Peeples