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Dear Families,

I want to begin by saying just how much I miss everyone. I think of our students, our staff, our families, and friends, each and every day. I have great appreciation and gratitude for all who have worked together in support of this special preschool over the years. My recent communications with many of you further reinforce why I feel so privileged to be a member of this community. As long as we continue to work together and do our part for our community, we will endure and move past this difficult time.

After much consideration, it is the decision that International School for Peace will remain closed to traditional learning for the duration of the school year, in alignment with Arizona's public, private and charter schools, as well as other preschools, to support the "Stay Home' campaign. Although this was a difficult decision, I believe it was the right choice to ensure the health and safety of our community.

I understand that this is a challenging time for all. We will continue to stay connected and support learning thru our unique online program. By enrolling your child, they have opportunity to meet twice daily with their teacher to engage in a variety of activities that support our monthly themes. These sessions are presented in both Spanish and English. During our sessions, staff support children in furthering skills to help resolve their conflicts. A daily lesson is available outlining the activities for each day. In addition, story time is offered 3 times per week. ISP will continue our monthly newsletter, and update our social media, to stay in touch with you! Please join us!

If your child enrolled with us January 1 - March 15, please expect to receive their progress report next week.

ISP will be holding its Spring Book Fair April 20 – 30! We will be working with Melissa Miller, at Usborne Books, to bring you this exclusive online opportunity. Let's all read more! Information and a link to the Book Fair is found in this newsletter. Proceeds for this fundraiser will benefit our community members in need through a Community Relief Fund. I hope you will join me in supporting this effort.

We are moving ahead with Summer Care 2020! Registration forms are available online and updated information can be found in this newsletter. Summer Care is available weekly June 1 – July 17 with full day, half day pre care, and aftercare options available. I look forward to playing with your child this summer!

ISP will continue to support our staff and honor our monetary obligations to the best of our ability. Your charitable donation is greatly appreciated and accepted through our website or mail.

Stay well, stay safe, stay resilient,

Cathy DeMers, Director International School for Peace