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Dear Chase River Families,

As we close out 2020, we can reflect on it with so many words. New words became much more common like, quarantine, social distancing, Zoom parties, essential, remote/remotely, and pandemic.

There are several words to describe it like, unprecedented, strange, scary, unpredictable, and eerie (remember how quiet the roads were in March?) to name a few.

Many of these words may not drum up positive thoughts, but there are some words that can be associated with 2020 that might be more pleasant to focus on as we reflect back on the year. A number of these words were on display more than any other year. Decency, understanding, family, perseverance, thoughtfulness, patience, appreciation, caring, and compassion.

It is so easy to focus on and be bombarded with the negative. As we move into the new year with hope for a return to “normalcy” on the horizon take time to focus on the positives you had in 2020. Start thinking of what you want to do first that you have not been able to do for so long. Take to heart what Dr. Bonnie Henry has said, “There is light ahead, and that light is shining a little brighter. I think we can all be thankful for that.”

Without us being able to hold gatherings this holiday season it will make things different from what we are used to and want. Please take the time to make the best of the situation. Give yourself time and space for self-care and to maintain a healthy routine. My best wishes go out to all of you during the break and I look forward to seeing you back in 2021.

Sincerely,

David Cooper
Principal

Happy Holidays