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Dear First through Third Grade Parents,

We are thankful for the successful launch of In-Person Learning for our first through third grade students. Our students are honoring all of the safety protocols put in place, and it is a joy to hear their voices once again in the halls of OLL. Teachers are diligently creating engaging lessons, balancing time between two physical classrooms, and working to meet the needs of in-person and online students.

As we look forward to the continuation of this program, it has come to our attention that our teachers and aides need an additional amount of time to work together to best support all students. Beginning the week of October 26th, in-person learning will continue Monday through Thursday, and all students will learn from home on Fridays. This change in schedule will allow for the opportunity for collaboration among staff and allow time for Faculty Meetings and professional development on Fridays. The time spent for teachers and aides to work together will allow for a successful continuation of In-Person learning coupled with a robust online curriculum for those families choosing to learn from home. OLL remains committed to the recommended cleaning protocols to protect against COVID-19 and the upcoming flu season, and will use Fridays to complete a deep clean of the school.

On Fridays, all students will complete assignments and activities for Language Arts, Math, and Religion. First through third grade teachers will dedicate one hour each Friday to teaching a live Science lesson via Zoom. Teachers will continue to post all work for the week on Monday, including the Friday learning activities. Teachers will communicate turn-in methods for all online work. The first Friday for at home learning for all students will be Friday, October 30th.

We understand that a shift in scheduling can be challenging for the many families juggling work, collaborating in learning at home, and managing the many schedules of our K-8 students. We are consistently grateful for the partnership of our parent community as we navigate the 2020-2021 school year. In settling our hearts and minds in prayer, we are reminded in Romans 8:28 "we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

God Bless,

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