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We ask everyone to consider making a donation. Please go to our [online donation page](#).

I want to again share how to manage your April tuition payment. *For families who:*

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What we do know is that strong, secure bonds between children and their teachers are critical for social-emotional development. To suddenly lose out on that under such strange and unprecedented circumstances can - *and will* - be difficult for children. While we need physical distance, we want to retain an important level of emotional connection.

Our teachers are keeping classroom connections going in such meaningful ways. We've seen Eleese reciting *Llama, Llama* (without having the book to read), a video of Brooks cooking his family's favorite dinner, Susana reading stories at bedtime, Miss Cynthia dancing the Twist, Ian's captivating reading of Harry Potter, Kia singing *It's a Wonderful World* with her son on her lap (which brought me to tears), and so many more.

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