

## Friday email

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Good afternoon,

**Kudos**--First of all, big props to all of you. I so appreciate how, once again, you all have rolled with the changes. I know this hasn't been easy--but you have done it and are doing it. You've responded admirably every time we've said--"hold up--we're changing everything." I am continually impressed by the skill and attitude with which you have done so.

**When I'm Coming Back**--I hate not being there while you all are having to manage all of these changes (although I know you are doing a great job). But I want to be responsibly following the guidelines our state has set out. So, what does that mean? First of all, Elizabeth is fully recovered and has been out of isolation for last week. She's doing great. But--per the Illinois Department of Public Health, who is in touch with us daily by text, Rebecca and I must remain in quarantine until next Friday, December 11. So, I will be back then, provided I do not develop symptoms of COVID. The Center for Disease Control just shortened this quarantine protocol in their advisories. I will be reaching out to IDPH to see if this means that we will be able to be released sooner. I'll keep you posted.

**Racial Healing Middle School Book Discussion**--Sue Bishop has worked very closely with community volunteers Katedi Mulomede and Kaream Williams on this fantastic virtual book discussion. There has been a tremendous response from kids in the community and now the community is recognizing it as well. United Way has awarded a grant to further the program. This will allow the next book discussed, --I think it's New Kid, to be given to all the participants to own themselves AND Jerry Craft the author will also make an appearance.

**All Staff Meetings**--Tuesday we will have two meetings, one at 8:30 and one at 4. I'll send out a zoom link that day.

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