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Dear Evans Park Parents and Students,

While we have been working from home these past weeks, the calendar has just turned, perhaps to assure us that spring is truly on the way. I hope that you have, on warm, sunny days (and maybe cloudy ones too) gotten outdoors in your yards or taken careful walks with your families. Walking has been a great interlude for me each day; I go out whenever I start to feel a bit overwhelmed and, when I return home, can feel the release. I highly recommend it for the whole family!

With April comes a month long tribute to poetry, a time for celebrating the freedom of expression this literary genre offers. The Evans Park staff plans to celebrate *National Poetry Month* with you, providing resources for enjoying beautiful, funny and thoughtful poetry while inviting you, children and parents, to *have a go* at writing original poems. We invite you to share your favorite poems, perhaps recordings of your reading or recitation of them, illustrations for poems you enjoy, and, probably best of all, share your original writings of poetry. To launch this and to provide motivation, ideas and lots of poetry, Mrs. Bender, our Academic Support Teacher, has been researching and preparing many resources, which she will have available on her web page.

We know remote learning is nothing like being in school with your fabulous friends and the incredible Evans Park staff. Nevertheless, you are rising to the challenge! Every day I am more and more impressed by the work you are submitting to your teachers and your teachers' interactions with you through writing, videos and photos. I hope that makes you feel a bit closer to us and I hope we'll be together again soon. To get started with poetry month, please check out our new Evans Park Facebook Page and Mrs. Bender's web page. Let's have some fun with poetry together this month!

Miss you, children and parents, Peggy Lynch