



Central Park East I Elementary School

June 26, 2020

Dear Families,

Today is the last day of school. It comes after months of sickness, anger, and loss. On top of it all, our school, which believes so strongly in children and childhood, has not had children inside our classrooms for the last 104 days.

I am writing almost to the minute of the last scheduled dismissal time of the year. I just watched as kindergarten and first grade classes came together for an online version of last-day goodbyes. Here is some of what children typed into the chat:

i am going to miss my school
I miss you guys
I'm gonna miss my class
i miss you
hi everyone i miss you all
i going to miss you all
iMiSSYOU
I will miss all of you 😞

I never would have predicted that my last-day letter would feature a sad-faced emoji. But these young children are typing what we are feeling.

Next week, you will get another update that shares as much information as we have about what to expect when school re-opens. For now, I just want to acknowledge these children's emotions on an especially bittersweet final day. A kindergartener just typed it best:

I love all so bad!

Gabriel

