



Sunday, March 29

Spring is here! Walking around my neighbourhood today, I noticed flowers blooming everywhere. Pink heather. Yellow daffodils and dandelions. Blue lungwort and blue-eyed marys. Purple periwinkle. White lily-of-the-valley bushes. Pink cherry blossoms. Pale pink viburnum. Dark pink camellias. Creamy magnolias. The list goes on and on. The temperature outside might be cool but the plants are waking up!

This is such a strange time. Nature is coming to life while people all around the world are dying of Covid-19. We could be discouraged and afraid, since we don't know what is going to happen. What can we count on? What can we be sure of in this uncertain time?

We can count on our faith in God. We can count on what we have already learned about staying on the Bridge of Character. We can have courage and determination. Patience and kindness. Faithfulness in taking care of our own responsibilities. Helpfulness in protecting and encouraging each other while waiting for this pandemic to be over.

But what will school be like while we are all staying at home? Different. You will be still doing academic assignments but you won't be assigned a schedule. I still want you to check in with me each morning by 10 a.m., answering the 'question of the day.' I want you to send me a long journal entry by 5 p.m., following the instructions I give you on the assignment sheet. But in between, you get to decide what order in which to do your work. Please follow the guidelines in the 'Setting Up School at Home' letter posted on March 28. I will ask you more questions about that in the days ahead.

Enjoy today. Get outside and notice all the signs of spring. Have curiosity about all there is to learn. Take heart and smile at the people you love!

your teacher,
Ms Rosen