



The Prairie Page #6

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"Loving, Learning & Leading Through this New Chapter in God's Story."

Don't forget to "love yourself" as well as those around you. We need to stay well, physically, spiritually and emotionally, in order to be able to serve others. Laughter has proven health benefits. It's been a long three weeks, so here are a few links to help you out in this regard:

- Maybe your school could do something similar to [Western Christian](#).
- Growing up M*A*S*H was one of my favourite shows so I appreciated this [MASH and the Coronavirus](#) compilation?

LEARNING

The Slack channels for teachers are up and running and a few of our members have already started sharing some of their work/ideas. Shoutout to the #grades7-9 channel for the most interaction thus far (spoiler alert: there is a sweet "I Pity the Fool" Mr. T video that Jesse Bourne used today with his online class and shared with those in the Grades 7-9 channel). Here are just a few of the other channels (groups) that you can join:

#preK-K - Jackie Norman is wondering how you are including Easter in your home learning (she gives some of her ideas, but would love some of yours)

#grades1-3 - Jobena Westera answers why she's using Loom to create videos for her students

#second-language - Gayle Monsma will create & upload a 30 second video of her speaking fluent French if more than 5 people join this channel (right now there are only 2)

#phys-ed - Keriann from Calvin Elementary in Winnipeg joined today (we know you've always wanted to connect with our Manitoba colleagues more... plus, at this point she's stuck in a group with Gayle and Jeremy... save her!)

#hs-social-studies - Jeremy Horlings recommended a great resource for generating richer class discussions (the magnificent Colin Ward joined this channel today... enough said!)

Again, we apologize for the issues with the first link we sent out in Tuesday's "Prairie Page." Here is the new link:

https://join.slack.com/t/prairiecentre-j1s2789/shared_invite/zt-d2ym9twz-w~kmkjT3ryWa1J_tbW80RQ

Come join us and don't forget to add the channels (which are groups) that you're

interested in!

LEADING

Be sure to join Slack and our private Leaders channel. If you haven't joined Slack, you received a reminder email yesterday with the link. You will find many helpful resources and conversations: presentation on layoffs, sample layoff letters, ideas of marketing in this environment, conversation & resources around fees, Tft resources.

It's a bit of a longer read, but this article "[Finding a Way Forward](#)" by Jay Ferguson outlines some important things to think about: education has changed forever, there will be an economic impact to our schools, we need to consider and plan for an impact on enrollment, ideas on how to serve our families/students well, encouragement to think about how this may impact our long-term online education options and more. Read this as a leadership team/board and wrestle with the concepts!

