**Tsäl Nzhā 16, 2020**

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April 16, 2020

**Grade 8 and 9 Southern Tutchone**

Dä̀nnchʼe? How are you? These have been some interesting times eh? I hope you and your family have been able to get the food and medicine you need and the toilet paper you want. I also hope that you all stay safe and healthy.

Contained in this package are labels for your kitchen. There is also a memory stick which contains various videos. Before the labels are cut up and placed in the appropriate place within your kitchen, please watch the two videos on the memory stick that teach how to say each of the different words on the labels. If you do not have the digital capacity to use the memory stick to watch the videos, don’t worry. Next week I will be sending home DVD's with the same videos on them to the families that would benefit most from videos on DVDs.

If you have not had the opportunity to talk with me yet, I will be contacting you by telephone tomorrow, Friday April 17th, 2020. In addition to this paper and memory stick package being sent home now, the school’s website has been updated. If you have internet access, I strongly recommend you explore the Southern Tutchone section of the school’s website on a regular basis.

Between now and the end of the school year, Yukon Education recommends that linear subject teachers provide a total of 7 – 9 hours of schoolwork to their students in order to complete their studies. What this means in application, is that because your child has been taking S.T. all year, I need to find a constructive way for your child to productively use Southern Tutchone in your home for about an hour and a half a week.

My plan is that your child will have the opportunity to label different areas of your home with Southern Tutchone. I have included one set of **Kitchen Labels** in this package, there will be a total of two additional label packages (**Bathroom** Labels and **General Home** Labels) sent home during the week of May 11, 2020. The label packages are supplemented with language videos. The language videos will teach proper pronunciation of the labels. Additionally, because it can be mind-numbingly boring to watch straight educational videos, I have also included in this package fun videos that incorporate S.T.

The additional videos in this package are designed for asynchronous learning, which means by simply watching the videos your child will be independently learning. Your child is not required to watch all of the videos, rather your child is encouraged to watch them from time-to-time at their leisure.

**The Southern Tutchone core learning project for the remainder of the year will be to learn and utilize the three label packages: Kitchen (included), Bathroom and General Home.**

I know that we are all going through difficult times, so I wanted to design a reduced stress opportunity to continue learning S.T. and bring language into the home. You are not required to do anything beyond letting the labels be placed in the right spots of your home and checking if your child is watching the videos. That being said, if you have time to join in and watch the videos with your child, that can be a fun way to support your child’s learning.

I will have office hours every “School Day” from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. If you or your child have any questions or want any additional help, please feel free to contact me.

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