Dear Brent Bears,

As your specials teachers we have a unique opportunity to share our subjects with you year after year and watch you grow. This year has been unlike any other school year that we have had before. While the changes have meant that we have missed out on many of the routines, events and celebrations that have traditionally marked our years together, you have shown that, no matter what, you are still musicians and actors, artists and scientists, athletes and students. As your teachers, we want you to know that you’re valued for the person you are, you are loved and supported, and each you have so many unique ways to interact with your environment.

We hope that through our passion for our individual subjects, and for teaching in general, we have shown you ways that you can be engaged with your environment no matter what that environment looks like. You have demonstrated how you can make amazing artwork out of materials you found outside and at home. As scientists you have documented and studied the wildlife and natural phenomena in your own backyards. You have made music with your voices and homemade instruments and stayed fit and active in a time when getting out and moving around isn’t easy. Through all of these actions you have learned the most important lesson of all: that you can control the one thing that really matters - your own selves. No matter what form summer takes, whether it contains those things you have come to expect or not, we, your teachers, love you and we’ll be here for you.
Continue to collaborate with the school community by uploading pictures of art that you see or make. Join Brent’s “Art is EVERYWHERE” Circle in the PhotoCircle App. Pin: 977493

If you are interested in exploring **drawing or creating your own books or comics** the internet is full of resources. There is a wonderful series Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems that can be accessed on You Tube [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmzjCPQv3y8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmzjCPQv3y8)

For those of you interested in **sculpture** here are some specific resources that expand on ideas we have talked about.

- Claymation [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHTQr0kfA9tue](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHTQr0kfA9tue)
- Sculptures from natural materials- A clip from the incredible film **Rivers and Tides** about the work of artist Andy Goldsworthy [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7sZv4_0Fxg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7sZv4_0Fxg).

**Printmaking**

- Styrofoam relief prints [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCjQXse8eB0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCjQXse8eB0)

**Fiber Arts**

- Sewing [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1-B01FB56](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1-B01FB56)
- Embroidery [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lc6hve0QU-8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lc6hve0QU-8)

Don’t forget that you can visit popular **museums** online and access information from various **local art organizations**.

- **The Phillips Collection** [https://www.phillipscollection.org/multimedia](https://www.phillipscollection.org/multimedia)
- **National Gallery of Art** [https://www.nga.gov](https://www.nga.gov)
- **Pyramid Atlantic Art Center** [https://www.pyramidatlanticartcenter.org](https://www.pyramidatlanticartcenter.org)
- **District Clay Center** [https://www.districtclaycenter.com](https://www.districtclaycenter.com)
- **Baltimore Clayworks** [https://baltimoreclayworks.org/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMlhfGu-DC6QIVCEmGChId4AQbEAAYASAAEdl3vD_BwE](https://baltimoreclayworks.org/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMlhfGu-DC6QIVCEmGChId4AQbEAAYASAAEdl3vD_BwE)