

Thunder Family,

School starts at 8 a.m., but it's 8:50 and not everyone is even at the table. One kid is wandering around and two others are yelling at each other. The breakfast dishes are piled up on another's workspace. After at least ten minutes of waiting, the students are quiet (well, quieter) and school begins.

The morning includes eye rolls and maybe even a few tears. Screenshots are uploaded, photos snapped, and assignments submitted. We don't get quite everything done on our list, but we try our best. The door is left open as each kid flies out the door for fresh air and time away from their teacher. A break we all need.

I'll be honest, my wife deals with all of the above. Those words are from her perspective. I'm guessing many of you can relate and can add your own stories.

By the time you are reading this, we are three days into our new journey in education. I just wanted to reach out and let you know we are all in this together.

School looks different now. Life looks different now. Each of our routines, schedules, and methods look different from each other. And different is okay right now.

We know every family is in a different situation that may include parents being out of work, parents working at home, parents working longer hours, students taking care of brothers and sisters, students being worried about family members and the possibility of them getting very sick, and the list can go on.

The Scism house has been less than pleasant at times and stress levels have been higher. I cannot claim to know exactly what stresses each family has, but I can say we are with you. If things are not going well, please reach out, and we will assist however we can. We know this isn't easy, and the last thing we want to do is add stress to an already stressful environment. We will work with you.

These are unprecedented times and we (myself, teachers, and staff members) will continue to adjust as we go and will work with you and your students however we can. #NCWay

Mr. Scism