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Dear Topeka Collegiate School Parents,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. Since 2020 is in the title, it is bound to be a year that unlike any other we have ever experienced - likely both in our home, work and kids' school life. Last March, when TCS, like all other schools around Kansas, moved to on-line learning, we kept our Library/Reading program going. Forty-one Storytime sessions were posted to the TCS Facebook page and YouTube Channel. Thank you to so many families for tuning in. It was a true joy to continue to read with the kids. I certainly missed being them in the Library around our circle rug talking about the issues of the day and reading books, poems and stories that filled minds with wonder, prompted laughter or help create better understanding about the plight and situation of others. I loved starting each class with a different song that tied directly into the theme of our discussion and books for the day.

For our new Eagle parents, teaching Library at TCS is a true joy. Professionally, I own a public relations firm here in Topeka. My husband, Josh, and I own and operate a farm in Ellsworth as well and have three Eagles (Jackson in 6th grade, Mariner in 3rd grade and Evelyn in 1st grade) and a 2-year old at home with us.

We intend to continue the library program during this school year. Rather than the students coming to our wonderful library however, I will travel to each classroom and will have a traveling cart of books for Pre-K to 5th grade students to check out. We will continue our weekly themes and studies of book genres and we will to bring some lightheartedness to the students during an uncertain and sometimes heavy time in our world. We will have Library on Tuesday afternoon and hopefully I will get to spend time monthly in Flight Training with the Middle School students this year as well. While I am volunteering in this position, please know I take spending time with your children very seriously. We will have a curriculum for the year that will augment what the students are learning in their respective classes. We will explore what is in a library. We will explore the types of libraries. We will explore genres of books. We will delve into newspapers, periodicals, journals and other source materials.

There are so many books to read and journeys to take together. I am so excited to be back with each of you. Please email me at [ksvaty@topekacollegiate.org](mailto:ksvaty@topekacollegiate.org) with any questions.

All the best,  
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