



Children's House – Learning @ Home

As you know, TMS, like other independent schools, has made the decision to close following the School March Break to support the containment of COVID-19. As a result of the closure, we have moved our classroom learning to an online platform effective Tuesday March 24th.

Here is how it will work:

- **Daily email** to parents sent at approximately 8:30 am with ideas/suggestions for the day and the time the taped lesson will be uploaded to the Class Page.
- **Live circle** via Zoom invitation. Circles will occur at 9:30 am for Children's House 2/3; 10:00 am for Children's House 1 and 10:30 am for Toddler. We will also record this circle and post on our Class Page for children who are unable to attend. This is also something that all children can watch more than once. The circle will begin with a time to connect with each other. The teachers will then mute the microphones of the students, so that all can participate equally without interruptions/distractions. This is the section that will be recorded. At the end the microphones will be opened again to permit social time.
- The live circle on Fridays will be conducted by our **French** Specialists. These times will be announced in the Thursday email you receive from the classroom teachers.
- A **daily taped lesson**, to be watched when you desire.
- Additional taped lessons will be posted to the Class Page from our **French** Specialists on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- **Story time** with Mrs. Brooksbank (taped and uploaded to our Class Page) will be available on Fridays.
- On Fridays, we will include an email, the taped lesson from your child's homeroom, Story time with our Teacher Librarian and a live French circle. The rest of the day will be reserved for our faculty to contact each family to answer questions and connect one on one.
- Taped **Physical Education lessons** on Fridays from Kara Tang
- Taped **Music Lessons** for CH 2/3 on Fridays from Colleen McInnes and Amanda Portanova
- Taped **Art lessons** for CH 2/3 on Fridays from Suzanne Bonuss

As you can see our faculty and staff have been working tirelessly to upgrade their technical skills; research complementary computer programs; prepare crafts; create videos and reach out to each of you. I have particularly enjoyed seeing the children's' work and the photos of them watching lessons and completing tasks.

Thank you so much for your support over the past week as we navigated our on-line learning and figured out a new way to continue our great relationships with all of you and your children. We miss everyone tremendously! Please continue to provide us with feedback and share your children's photos and work and we will continue to assess our learning model each week, with the hopes that we will be back together again soon!

Keep each other safe and enjoy your valuable time with your loved ones!



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