



Lower Elementary – 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:

- Each morning you will receive a daily email by 8:15 am with your child's lesson schedule for the day. With this schedule will be a link to a number of live lessons using a platform called Zoom. Some lessons will be active and some will be recorded. In order for your child to have access to these lessons he/she will need the following:
 - A tablet, iPad, desktop or laptop computer with camera and audio functions
 - On the chosen device, please download Zoom <https://zoom.us/download>
- Included in this email will be two links - the only two links you will need to find your child's assignments.
 - One link will be to a specialist teacher's folder and the other will be to a class folder.
 - Assignments will be organized by subject, grade and date.
 - You and your child will have access to all assignments daily using these two links. The daily schedule you will receive will always include these same links so you will always have them on hand should you need them.
 - My suggestion is to save each link as a favourite on your desktop so you can access them easily.

If you do not have access to a device and/or cannot download the Zoom link, please reach out to me for assistance.

In addition to live lessons and online links, teachers will make themselves available every day for any questions you or your children have about the work or schedules. This designated time will also be in the daily class schedule you receive.

We will follow our calendared schedule. The first day of teaching on the 24th is a Day 6. Whatever specialist classes your child has on that day will also be in the schedule with a link to a live lesson or an attachment in the form of a video or word document.

Please be patient with us if technical difficulties arise. As always, I greatly appreciate your support as we aim to provide optimum learning experiences for your child during this unique time.

While we know it is hard to replicate the learning journey your child experiences each day at TMS, we hope this short-term bridge to their learning is helpful, fun, joyful and engaging. We encourage you and your child to share your ideas, experiences and the conversations this new form of learning provokes. It is our hope that this will increase comfort using technology, encourage students to lean into a new



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challenge with courage and optimism and be a new way to increase independence in our Lower Elementary students.

Stay well and safe.

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