



MMS Remote Learning Plan

Dear MMS Parents,

We are so grateful to have had a wonderful and successful start to the school year and want to thank you for your continued support and partnership.

In the event we must quarantine temporarily in the near future, we want to share with you our Remote Learning Plan. We recognize that the greatest benefit to the children is to attend school in person, in community with their classmates. It is particularly beneficial for preschool children to engage in hands on sensorial experiences in a social setting. When attendance in person cannot happen, we will implement Remote Learning. Please know that participation is always optional.

We hope advance notice of our plan will help you prepare for what to expect during Remote Learning and provide some comfort and continuity.

Students will be encouraged to participate in the adapted schedule that mirrors the flow of their regular school day. As a Montessori school, we honor that the Montessori method is all about the process. Learning together with a sense of exploration, curiosity, and discovery results in meaningful experiences for children. This instills a great sense of ownership and responsibility for the child. Above all, we want children to feel connected to their learning while at home.

Remote Learning Overview:

- Our Remote Learning Plan provides for students to continue learning in developmentally appropriate ways, while being mindful of their health and wellness.
- Our remote learning schedule will mimic our school day as best as possible, with the day beginning at 8:30am and ending at 11:30am for our Early Childhood 3-6yrs and Pre-Three 3-day programs.
- Kindergarten students will have dismissal at 2:30pm as they do in school.
- We will continue to have our morning circle meetings, and our weekly specials, such as Music, Science, Nia and Drama for our Kindergartners.
- We will offer activities from all areas of the classroom from Practical Life to Math and Language for students to complete during their Work Cycle at home as they would in school.
- Additionally, teachers will check in daily with students to offer guidance, support, and connection.

Our Remote Learning Plan includes:

- Daily Morning Group Circle and Dismissal Meetings via Zoom
- Daily Specials via Zoom
- Daily One-on-one Zoom meetings with each student
- Weekly Digital Learning Packets with Daily Activities to complete during the Work Cycle

We recommend that each household start collecting the following items that may be useful during remote learning. This is optional. We hope that many of you have these items at home already, but if not, they can easily be procured at the Dollar Store, Target, Michael's, or Amazon. If you need any help or guidance, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Recommended Supplies for Remote Learning:

- Carboard boxes
- Aluminum baking trays
- Beans/rice (for counting/sensory exploration)
- Duct tape
- Colored pencils, crayons, markers, washable paints/watercolor paints
- Glue, scissors, white and colored construction paper
- Pony beads (any colors), string, pipe cleaners, pom poms (any colors)
- Play doh
- Small Tray(s) x2, small bowls x2
- Sponge, small pitcher, peeler, small chopping board, crinkle cutter (for food prep)
- Mortar & pestle or rolling pin
- Food coloring (for science, art)

Home Prepared Environment for Remote Learning:

- Lastly, as part of preparing for remote learning, we ask you find a space at home that you can dedicate to remote learning for your child.
- Ideally the space would have a table, chair, and placemat that your child can roll out to define their workspace.
- Paper, colored pencils, glue and other supplies should be easily and independently accessible to your child.
- Work on trays can be set up in advance by you and can be positioned on tables, shelves, or a space close by for your child to use when they are ready.

- Invite your child to help set up their home classroom/prepared environment. They will be able to guide you and as they become familiar with the space, in the event we transition to remote learning, they will already be familiar and comfortable in their home-classroom.

Weekly Schedule – **Pre 3 Classroom** (Remote Learning)

	Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
8:30	Morning Greeting (L)		Morning Greeting (L)		Morning Greeting (L)	
8:40 – 10:30	Work Cycle*	9:00 Nia (L)	Work Cycle*	1 on 1 calls	Work Cycle*	9:00 Yoga (L)
		1 on 1 calls				1 on 1 calls
10:30 – 11:00	Circle & Snack (L)		Circle & Snack (L)		Circle & Snack (L)	
11:00 – 11:30	Outside Play	1 on 1 calls	Outside Play	1 on 1 calls	Outside Play	1 on 1 calls
11:30	Dismissal		Dismissal		Dismissal	

Weekly Schedule – **3-6 Classroom** (Remote Learning)

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
8:30-9:00	Morning Circle (L)		Morning Circle (L)		Morning Circle (L)		Morning Circle (L)		Morning Circle (L)	
9:00 – 11:00	Work Cycle*		Work Cycle*		Work Cycle*		Work Cycle*		Work Cycle*	
	1-1 Phone calls	9:00 Yoga (L)	1-1 Phone calls	9:00 Music (L)	1-1 Phone calls	9:00 Nia (L)	1-1 Phone calls	9:00 Science (R)	1-1 Phone calls	9:00 Show & Tell (L)
11:00-11:30	Closing Circle (L)		Closing Circle (L)		Closing Circle (L)		Closing Circle (L)		Closing Circle (L)	
11:30	Dismissal		Dismissal		Dismissal		Dismissal		Dismissal	

(L) = live learning session; **(R)** = recorded learning session

* includes learner choice from a variety of activities including prerecorded videos, live learning sessions, and digital activity packets. All content is aligned with Montessori philosophy and curriculum and includes opportunities for differentiated instruction to meet individualized needs.

Weekly Schedule – **Kindergarten** (Remote Learning)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
8:30-9:00	Morning Circle (L)	Morning Circle (L)	Morning Circle (L)	Morning Circle (L)	Morning Circle (L)	
9:00 – 11:00	Work Cycle*	9:00 Yoga (L)	9:00 Music (L)	9:00 Nia (L)	9:00 Science (R)	9:00 Show & Tell (L)
		1 on 1 calls	1 on 1 calls	1 on 1 calls	1 on 1 calls	1 on 1 calls
11:00-11:30	Closing Circle (L)	Closing Circle (L)	Closing Circle (L)	Closing Circle (L)	Closing Circle (L)	
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
12:00-12:30	Indoor Free Play	Indoor Free Play	Indoor Free Play	Indoor Free Play	Indoor Free Play	
12:30 – 2:00	Work Cycle*	12:30 Math	Creative Project	Phonics	Reading Journals	Story Journals
		1:15 Drama				Work Cycle*
2:00-2:30	Closing Circle (L)	Closing Circle (L)	Closing Circle (L)	Closing Circle (L)	Closing Circle (L)	
2:30	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	

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We look forward to partnering with you as we continue to move forward. Please do not hesitate to call or email with questions or concerns.

All the best,

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