



Kindergarten News

Friday, August 21st, 2020

Parents,

What a week it has been! I think it is safe to say that everyone is looking forward to having a few days to relax and de-stress after a long first week of remote learning. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding this week as we worked out the technology kinks, took some time to get to know you and your child, and helped the students acclimate to Zoom.

Here is some important information as we move into our second week of school:

Seesaw

In Kindergarten, we use a program called Seesaw, which is a platform for student engagement. Teachers can empower students to create, reflect, share, and collaborate. Students "show what they know" using photos, videos, drawings, text, PDFs, and links. It's simple to get student work in one place and share with families, and nothing is shared without teacher approval.

- [Seesaw Overview](#)
- How to [post](#) as a student on Seesaw
- How to [respond](#) to an activity posted on Seesaw
- [Explore](#) more drawing features in Seesaw

In order to log in to your child's Seesaw journal please click [HERE](#). Once you are on the platform, your child will be able to post pictures of their finished assignments so that teachers can see how they are doing. We will also be able to quickly share links, schedules, and other information with you through this



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Next Week's Schedule...

...will be coming soon! Please keep an eye out for it over the weekend. The children will begin having Synchronous learning time, where the teachers will teach a live lesson, followed by Asynchronous Work time, where they will be doing work independently off the screen. The purpose of the Asynchronous time is for students to practice the subject area skills. More information and guidelines will be sent with the schedule this weekend, so keep an eye out for an email and an announcement on Seesaw.

All About Me

We will be starting our All About Me unit for Social Studies on Monday. We are asking that each child find three things that they feel represent their interests and personality, and share those items in a video that is under one minute long. We'd like you to share the video with us on either Seesaw or via email by **next Wednesday (8/26)**. Over the next few weeks, we will play these short videos during our meeting times so that the kids can get to know each other better!

EE (Environmental Education)

Next Tuesday (Thursday) Ms. Naomi will be coming for our second EE lesson at 10:45 am. If it is possible, we would like your child to be able to go outside during this lesson. Ms. Naomi will be asking the children to find different things in nature and to bring them back inside to the computer to show off. As we know this is not feasible for every child, another option could be to have your child look out the window to find each item and then draw a picture to hold up to the screen. If neither of these options work, your child could still participate by talking and drawing about a time when he or she saw one of the items being looked for. If your child will not be able to go outside during this time, please just have some blank paper and crayons/markers available for them to participate in an alternative way.

Specials

You can find the



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and will upload lessons in their digital classroom. Reminder that specials (excluding E.E.) have their own Zoom room and you will need to have their meeting ID and password ready.

Please don't hesitate to email me with any questions or concerns you may have.
Have a great weekend!