

## **Moving Forward: At-Home Digital Learning for Preschool Students Beginning April 6**

With the Governor's mandated school closure extending through at least May 1, our Solon Preschool team has been working behind the scenes to put all of the pieces in place to create an at-home learning experience that we think will work best for our young students.

This will not be an exact replica of the day they experienced at school, but many of the elements will be familiar. Many are the same or similar to the lessons and activities the teachers have already shared with you during the initial weeks of the school closure. Our staff will be designing and providing activities and learning plans built with flexibility in mind. We understand the challenges and schedule disruptions our families are experiencing and appreciate your partnership as we move ahead together on a fuller implementation of learning at home for our preschoolers.

### **Information to Prepare for April 6**

Our goal for our preschool students is to provide as much familiarity as possible, despite the shift to learning at home. You will be able to incorporate the learning activities into your child's daily schedule in the way that works best for you. Keeping in touch with your child's teacher will be important.

### **Learning Plans**

Your child's preschool teacher will continue to email you a new Preschool Learning Plan each week. These weekly Learning Plans will include learning goals and activities for:

- Language and Literacy Development
- Math
- Social and Emotional Well Being
- Physical Well Being
- Other Suggested Learning Activities

### **Interactive Learning – Connecting Teachers and Students**

We miss our preschoolers! To help keep connected remotely, your child's teacher will use a digital platform such as Google Hangouts Meet or Zoom to engage in weekly interactive lessons. Your teachers will provide you with instructions on how to use the platform they choose based on what they think will work best for families and especially our young students.

To help you plan, your teacher will also share the day and time for these remote interactions in advance. Please be sure to communicate directly with the teacher if your schedule will not permit your child to participate during a specific interactive lesson. We want to be as flexible as possible to be sure our students have access to these continued learning opportunities.

### **Connecting Teachers, Students and Families – Office Hours**

Each Monday through Thursday school is scheduled to be “in session,” our teachers and other school staff members will be available during specified two-hour blocks for “Office Hours” to answer specific questions and help with learning. Your child’s teacher will let you know directly when her office hours are for your class.

## **Staying Connected**

Although we aren’t able to be together in our classrooms and our school building right now, everyone on our team is collaborating on additional ways to help our preschool community stay connected. We will share more in the weeks ahead.

In the meantime, I hope you are all doing well as we adjust to this extended phase of staying at home and learning at home. Please be sure to reach out to me at any time with questions or concerns at [terrybrownlow@solonboe.org](mailto:terrybrownlow@solonboe.org).

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