



July 27, 2020

Dear Families,

We are pleased to share our plan for distance learning as we begin the fall semester. School officially begins on August 24, as scheduled.

Our teachers and staff have worked incredibly hard to put together a plan to ensure a successful start to our year in these challenging times, utilizing data from schools across the country (and the world), the CDC, as well as local and state guidelines and mandates.

Our fall distance learning is a well thought-out plan, utilizing a myriad of resources. Unlike the spring, where we had no warning and no experience, we are well prepared for providing quality Montessori education online. We understand it requires a great deal of commitment from our families and we are here to work with you to ensure a successful online learning experience with fidelity to the Montessori method.

Attached you will find information about orientations and the tentative schedule for Primary, Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary. You will see that Fridays are dedicated to follow up (see below) and no lessons will be given on this day. Guides will use Fridays for:

- Office hours
- Lunch club (primary)
- Follow up with families
- Follow up with children
- Lesson planning and curriculum development
- Conferences with parents
- Assisting children who need additional guidance

There will be additional information forthcoming about parent nights, setting up your child for success with distance learning, how to access and best utilize google classrooms, etc. as well as a Q & A sessions with Sarah and the guides regarding the fall semester.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these ever changing times.

Best,

Sarah Critchfield