



## March 17, 2020 Newsletter

### From the Director

Dear Parents,

As I am sure you are just as overwhelmed as I am by all the news and media coverage on COVID-19, I wanted to just say how much I appreciate the positive feedback I have received from families with regard to our school closing. It was not a decision that was reached lightly, but one that took countless hours of deliberation with all factors considered. The health and safety of our community is our number one priority.

This newsletter contains answers to some of the questions I have been receiving, along with some resources for the time your child(ren) will be spending away from school.

If you have any questions or concerns, I will be available by email throughout the time the school is closed at [crevecoeur@hopeacademy.com](mailto:crevecoeur@hopeacademy.com) .

Stay well...please feel my virtual hugs!!

**Theresa**

### **Administrative Information:**

#### **Tuition:**

**Hope will offer a two-week tuition rebate to all current student accounts in an effort to provide relief for our families. This rebate will be applied as a credit toward April billing.**

**Our personnel will remain fully employed and fully compensated during this closure, regardless of whether they are working on-site at the school or remotely from home.**

#### **Other:**

We remind you that current staff is not available for employment for personal childcare during closure; our intent is to limit contact and potential virus exposure to ensure everyone's return April 6.

The Parent-Child Open House on April 23 is cancelled, as well as all field trips for April.

#### **Parent-teacher Conferences:**

All face-to-face parent-teachers conferences scheduled for April are cancelled.

Teachers will still complete the spring conference form, but we are still working out the details of exactly how we will handle conferences.

#### **Re-enrollment/Summer Camp:**

Re-enrollment and summer camp information will be made available upon our return in April.



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I hope you find these resources helpful....

Virtual Field Trips:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SvldgTx9djKO6SjyvPDsoGllkgE3iExmi3qh2KRRku\\_w/mobilebasic?urp=gmail\\_link](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SvldgTx9djKO6SjyvPDsoGllkgE3iExmi3qh2KRRku_w/mobilebasic?urp=gmail_link)

Backyard Activities:

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/outside-early-learning-play-backyard-activities-kids/>

Scholastic Daily Learning:

<https://www.wfla.com/community/health/coronavirus/scholastic-releases-daily-learning-courses-for-kids-home-from-school-amid-coronavirus/>

Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems!

<https://www.kennedy-center.org/mowillems>

Montessori At Home

<https://amshq.org/Families/Montessori-and-Your-Child/Montessori-at-Home>

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## Montessori at Home Daily Schedule

8-9am	Breakfast and Morning Chores	Tidy rooms, get dressed, put pajamas in the hamper, brush teeth. Make and eat breakfast together.
9-10am	Free Play	Independent play time. Enforce them cleaning up each activity/toy before they get out something new.
10-10:30am	Outside Time or Family Walk	Take a family walk or scooter ride around the neighborhood or spend time in the backyard.
10:30-11:30am	Work Cycle	Self directed time with a puzzle, book, journal, or activity book. A parent directed lesson, science experiment, or activity.
11:30-12pm	Lunch	If the weather is nice, picnic outside! Have your child help with lunch preparation and cleanup.
12:30-1:30pm	Outside Time	Head back outside into the fresh air. Play games, explore, fill up the water table, get out the chalk.
1:30-2:30	Quiet Time	Nap or quiet reading.
2:30-4	Free Play	Independent play time.
4-5	Chores	Wiping down bathrooms, sweeping or vacuuming, taking out the trash, dusting, folding laundry, cleaning the windows.
5-6	Dinner Prep	Give your child tasks to help with dinner. Chopping vegetables, setting the table, helping cook, pouring water glasses for everyone, etc
6-7	Dinner	Eat together, talk about your day, plan for tomorrow. Have your child help clear the table and clean up from dinner afterwards.
7-7:30	Bedtime Routine	Put dirty clothes in the hamper, brush teeth, wash face and hands, read books, sing songs, snuggle, and say goodnight.

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