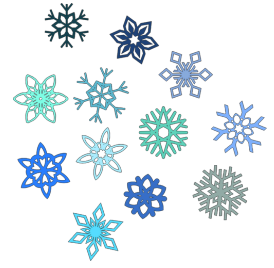


Greetings Montessori families,

You have likely been wondering what the district's plan will be on bad weather days given our ability to shift to distance learning.



The plan for "snow days" will now be similar to the days leading up to our return to the physical Montessori building in late September and what we did on Election Day. As you will recall, your child has access to their teacher's Google Classroom through their individual student gmail account. They will use the same credentials to access Google Classroom where a link to the Google Meet session will be located in the banner at the top of the page.

How will families know of the move?: The district will use its standard avenues of communication (SNN, Facebook, local news, Twitter) to indicate that we are pivoting to virtual learning due to weather.

The structure of the day:

Each session will have time dedicated to Social-Emotional learning, ELA, Math, and Response to Intervention.
[Please review the CSDA Virtual Learning Expectations in preparation for this day of distance learning](#)

Grade levels	Schedules
Pre-K	Log on to the teacher's Google Classroom for Meet link and guidance/ activities of the day.
Kindergarten	11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
First	8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Second	11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Third, Fourth, Fifth	8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Parents can choose to have their child take part in either the morning (or) the afternoon session.
6:1:3	Families will follow the schedule provided by teachers in the Google Classroom

Please note: The sessions offered for students in PK-grade 2 will be recorded and posted on the teacher's Google Classroom page for those unable to connect during the time provided. The lessons for grades 3-5 will not be recorded and posted. The expectation is that families will be able to identify either the morning or the afternoon session as their best fit.

While this is hopefully a one-day occurrence due to weather, this will serve as our approach to any short-term moves to remote learning that could be needed during the course of the year. The only difference, as I see it right now, is that because this is a one-day occurrence we will NOT be sending home Grab-and-Go bags (as we would in the future if facing a move to distance learning for an undetermined amount of time).

If you have any questions about this day please do not hesitate to call school or email me directly at jpowell@albany.k12.ny.us

Thank you,

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