

In-person Activities Cancelled Until at Least April 6, as Directed by the State - March 20, 2020

It is so strange for all of us to be working from home and not visit in person with you, each other on staff, and of course spend the days with your children. This has been a transition for us all, some more than others. . . I've been astounded by the work of the teachers and by what I've seen and heard from your homes. Moving online as a Montessori school is, by definition, especially challenging. We have no textbooks or workbooks our students are methodically working through. Each child works in our prepared classrooms at their own unique place in each subject area – their own spot in an individualized curriculum. Clearly, it is not possible to fully replicate this model at home, although I've been amazed at how the teachers have worked to do so and how quickly many of you have been able to implement their suggestions.

Go easy on yourselves and your children. We can't all turn into home schoolers overnight, no matter how much support is given. Within each program, and for each child, there is a different level of responsible independence with work at home, just as there is for work at school. If you are trying to work at home yourself, know that there will be bumps in the road for us all. As we adjust to the "new normal," please continue to communicate with teachers and administrators as we work together to support productive, engaging, and enjoyable remote learning from home. Here is a fun example from Lower Elementary!

We appreciate any and all communication as we work together through this unprecedented time. Please feel free to reach out to me.

Stay well!