

MSSA Remote Learning Program

While in a remote learning phase, MSSA will provide students with both synchronous and asynchronous lessons. Each student will receive a level schedule that includes both Classroom Teacher and Specialist interactions.



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Organization

- **Canvas:** Daily and weekly schedules and work to be completed will be available through Canvas, our Learning Management System (LMS). Canvas has a dashboard login, and allows students to respond to prompts and turn in their work.
- **Zoom:** All Zoom codes and links will be shared for classroom interactions through Canvas.
- **Schedule:** A thoughtful schedule has been created for each level that allows for student interaction with their Classroom Teachers, as well as interactions with Specialists.



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Synchronous Work

- **Classroom:** Classroom interactions will include morning meetings, read-alouds, whole group lessons, small group lessons, individual lessons, Specialist classes and check-ins.
- **Montessori Lessons:** Primary, Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary students will receive individual and small group lessons that will be scheduled throughout the week.
- **Specialist Classes:** Art, Music, Spanish, Library, Motor Skills and PE sessions will be scheduled for each class, while some sessions will be all-level sessions, like a Lower Elementary Sing-a-Long.



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Asynchronous Work

- **Completion of Work:** Independent follow up will take place daily and throughout the week. After a lesson has been given or watched from a video, a student may need to complete a task. These tasks will not necessarily require the student to be online. The student will complete tasks independently and some work may require submission through Canvas. Materials kits will be distributed to support asynchronous work.



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Assistance Opportunities

- **Office Hours:** Teachers will be available to answer questions when virtual lessons are not being given.
- **Check - Ins:** Both Teachers and Assistants will be conducting small group and individual check-ins throughout the week.

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Primary Half-Day and Extended Day

Sample Schedule - *Specials will occur in the time slots listed, but will fall on different days for each classroom

All Primary

Half Day

Extended (Full) Day

The Primary Level remote learning program is set up to allow for a flow between scheduled lessons and open work time and follows the timeline of an in-person day. Morning Circles will be held each day for all Primary children, and Extended Day children will end the day with an Afternoon Circle Read Aloud.

Scheduled group lessons will take place each morning, with new lessons and cultural discussions taking place at the beginning of every week. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are open to allow for individual and small group lessons as well as independent work time. On Fridays, children will have an activity session with their Classroom Assistant which will cover a variety of topics to include areas like Art, Botany, and Science.

Half Day students will have virtual and independent lessons each morning with Specials incorporated daily at 10:30 am.

Extended Day students will have virtual and independent lessons throughout the day, and there will be time for independent work which will be outlined in their weekly planner. They will have specials everyday from 11:00 am - 11:30 am. Tuesdays and Fridays they will have the opportunity to have lunch with their peers via a social Zoom lunch.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 AM	Morning Circle 8:30AM-8:45AM	Morning Circle 8:30AM-8:45AM	Morning Circle 8:30AM-8:45AM	Morning Circle 8:30AM-8:45AM	Morning Circle 8:30AM-8:45AM
	Half-Day Group A Lesson 9:00AM-9:30 AM	Half-Day Group B Lesson 9:00AM-9:30 AM	Half-Day Group A Lesson 9:00AM-9:30 AM	Half-Day Group B Lesson 9:00AM-9:30 AM	Activity Session 9:00AM-9:30AM
10 AM	Extended Day Group Lesson 10:00AM-10:30AM	Individual/Small Group Lessons 9:30AM-10:30AM	Individual/Small Group Lessons 9:30AM-10:30AM	Extended Day Group Lesson 10:00AM-10:30AM	Individual/Small Group Lessons 9:30AM-10:30AM
11 AM	Half Day Specials* Motor Skills 10:30AM-11AM	Half Day Specials* Music 10:30AM-11AM	Half Day Specials* Motor Skills 10:30AM-11AM	Music All Primary 10:30AM-11AM	Motor Skills All Primary 10:30AM-11AM
	ED Specials* Motor Skills 11AM-11:30AM	ED Specials* Art 11AM-11:30AM	ED Specials* Music 11AM-11:30AM	ED Specials* Spanish 11AM-11:30AM	ED Specials* Library Lesson 11AM-11:30AM
12 PM		LUNCH with Extended Day 12:00PM-12:30PM			LUNCH with Extended Day 12:00PM-12:30PM
1 PM	Individual/Small Group Lessons 1:PM-2:45PM	Individual/Small Group Lessons 1:PM-2:45PM	Individual/Small Group Lessons 1:PM-2:45PM	Individual/Small Group Lessons 1:PM-2:45PM	Individual/Small Group Lessons 1:PM-2:45PM
2 PM	Afternoon Circle Chapter Book 2:45PM-3:00PM	Afternoon Circle Chapter Book 2:45PM-3:00PM	Afternoon Circle Chapter Book 2:45PM-3:00PM	Afternoon Circle Chapter Book 2:45PM-3:00PM	Afternoon Circle Chapter Book 2:45PM-3:00PM

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Lower Elementary

*Sample Schedule - *Specials will occur in the time slots listed, but will fall on different days for each classroom*

Lower Elementary students can expect their remote day to be structured in a manner similar to that of a typical in-person day.

Beginning at 8:45 am, Lower Elementary students will attend a whole class Zoom session. At this time, children will discuss daily or weekly events, upcoming projects, and expectations for work. This is comparable to our in class circle group time, and will also be used as an opportunity for community building. A lengthy morning work period will follow, where small group lessons, individual lessons, and independent follow-up work will take place.

Lunch, outdoor time, and Specialist classes have been incorporated into the middle of the day and will take place between 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. A brief afternoon work period will allow for additional lessons and independent work time, followed by a whole class virtual meeting which will act as a closing gathering of sorts. Concluding by 3:00 pm, this afternoon session will be an opportunity for large group lessons, student presentation of work, and activities like show and tell.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 AM	Morning Welcome 8:45AM-9:15AM	Morning Welcome 8:45AM-9:15AM	Morning Welcome 8:45AM-9:15AM	Morning Welcome 8:45AM-9:15AM	Morning Welcome 8:45AM-9:15AM
	1st Year Lessons Open Work: 2nd/3rd 9:15AM-9:45AM	1st Year Lessons Open Work: 2nd/3rd 9:15AM-9:45AM	1st Year Lessons Open Work: 2nd/3rd 9:15AM-9:45AM	1st Year Lessons Open Work: 2nd/3rd 9:15AM-9:45AM	1st Year Lessons Open Work: 2nd/3rd 9:15AM-9:45AM
10 AM	2nd Year Lessons Open Work: 1st/3rd 9:55AM-10:25AM	2nd Year Lessons Open Work: 1st/3rd 9:55AM-10:25AM	2nd Year Lessons Open Work: 1st/3rd 9:55AM-10:25AM	2nd Year Lessons Open Work: 1st/3rd 9:55AM-10:25AM	2nd Year Lessons Open Work: 1st/3rd 9:55AM-10:25AM
	3rd Year Lessons Open Work: 2nd/3rd 10:35AM-11:05	3rd Year Lessons Open Work: 2nd/3rd 10:35AM-11:05	3rd Year Lessons Open Work: 2nd/3rd 10:35AM-11:05	3rd Year Lessons Open Work: 2nd/3rd 10:35AM-11:05	3rd Year Lessons Open Work: 2nd/3rd 10:35AM-11:05
11 AM	Open Work 11:05AM-11:45AM				
12 PM	Read Aloud 11:45AM-12:00PM				
	Lunch and Outdoor 12:00PM-1:00PM				
1 PM	Specials*: Library 1:00PM-1:30PM	Specials*: Music 1:00PM-1:30PM	Specials*: PE 1:00PM-1:30PM	Specials*: Art 1:00PM-1:30PM	PE ALL LE classes 1:00 - 1:30 PM
2 PM	Specials*: Spanish 1:30PM-2:00PM	Open Work 1:30PM-2:00PM	Open Work 1:30PM-2:00PM	Open Work 1:30PM-2:00PM	Music ALL LE classes 1:30-2:00 PM
	Large Group/ Individual Lessons 2:00PM-2:45PM	Large Group/ Individual Lessons 2:00PM-2:45PM	Large Group/ Individual Lessons 2:00PM-2:45PM	Large Group/ Individual Lessons 2:00PM-2:45PM	Large Group/ Individual Lessons 2:00PM-2:45PM
3 PM	Closing Gathering 2:45PM-3:00PM	Closing Gathering 2:45PM-3:00PM	Closing Gathering 2:45PM-3:00PM	Closing Gathering 2:45PM-3:00PM	Closing Gathering 2:45PM-3:00PM

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Upper Elementary

Sample Schedule - *Specials will occur in the time slots listed, but will fall on different days for each classroom

Upper Elementary students can expect their remote day to be structured in a manner similar to that of a typical on campus day.

Beginning at 8:30 AM, Upper Elementary students will attend a whole class Zoom session, where children will discuss daily or weekly events, upcoming projects, and expectations for work. This is comparable to in-person Morning Circle, and will also be used as an opportunity for community building. A morning work period will follow, where the children will have the opportunity to participate in small group lessons and individual lessons via Zoom, and to complete independent work.

What would be campus lunch and recess has been incorporated into the middle of the day and will take place between 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. At 1:00 pm daily, teachers will be Zooming with different students to answer questions and monitor progress. Teachers will schedule conferences with students throughout the week during this time.

A virtual whole class afternoon work period will begin at 2:15 pm. This session will include both group lessons and Specialist classes.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Morning Meeting 8:30AM	Morning Meeting 8:30AM	Morning Meeting 8:30AM	Morning Meeting 8:30AM	Morning Meeting 8:30AM
9 AM	4th Years Zoom Planners Open Work: 6th/5th 9:00AM	4th Years Zoom Math Open Work: 6th/5th 9:00AM	4th Years Zoom Language Open Work: 6th/5th 9:00AM	4th Years Zoom History/Science Open Work: 6th/5th 9:00AM	4th Years Zoom Literature Circle Open Work: 6th/5th 9:00AM
10 AM	5th Years Zoom Planners Open Work: 6th/4th 10:00AM	5th Years Zoom Math Open Work: 6th/4th 10:00AM	5th Years Zoom Language Open Work: 6th/4th 10:00AM	5th Years Zoom History/Science Open Work: 6th/4th 10:00AM	5th Years Zoom Literature Circle Open Work: 6th/4th 10:00AM
11 AM	6th Years Zoom Planners Open Work: 4th/5th 11:00AM	6th Years Zoom Math Open Work: 4th/5th 11:00AM	6th Years Zoom Language Open Work: 4th/5th 11:00AM	6th Years Zoom History/Science Open Work: 4th/5th 11:00AM	6th Years Zoom Literature Circle Open Work: 4th/5th 11:00AM
12 PM - 1PM	Lunch				
	Individual Student Meetings 1:00PM-2:00PM				
2 PM	Specials*: PE 2:15PM-2:30PM	Specials*: Art 2:15PM-2:30PM	Specials*: Library 2:15PM-2:30PM	Specials*: Music 2:15PM-2:30PM	PE All UE Classes 2:15PM-2:30PM
	Group Lessons 2:45PM-3:15PM	Group Lessons 2:45PM-3:15PM	Group Lessons 2:45PM-3:15PM	Specials*: Spanish 2:45PM-3:15PM	Music All UE Classes 2:45PM-3:15PM

Middle School Remote Learning: Visualize The Day Plan

First 2 weeks - August 24 - September 9

Core Classes

7th graders - English and Math
8th graders - Science and History

8:30 am

Morning Meeting/Advisory

Middle school will begin each day with an 8:30 am all middle school Zoom morning meeting. The structure will be very similar to our "in person" morning meeting. It will be led by a student with announcements, high fives, and an attendance check-in. We will then break out into advisory groups.

This time will be used to begin building relationships with our students. We will have activities promoting student to teacher interaction along with student to student interaction. It will also be used to take the pulse of the students and help with concerns that come up.

10:00 am

First Core Class

Core classes have been adapted to a rotation of 10 consecutive days of 90-minute blocks. Students will have both synchronous and asynchronous lessons. Students are expected to participate in the same way they would in the classroom. Notes will be taken, participation is expected, thoughts and ideas will be discussed and shared, and activities to enhance learning will be provided. Teachers will also allow time for extra help and answering questions.

12:30 pm

Second Core Class

The second core class will follow the same expectations and guidelines as the first. All students should be connecting with their classes.

3:05 pm

Individual Brass Lessons

Those students participating in Brass will have individual lessons with Ms. Michelle. Students will schedule those with her once school has started.



9:00 am

Specialist Rotation 1

Students will rotate through PE, music, art, and Spanish throughout the week. Similar to our "in person" day, all classes will continue to meet twice a week with the exception of art.

11:30 am

Lunch/Outside time

While lunch is the primary focus of the hour, use the time to also go outside. Take a small walk, shoot some hoops, or toss a ball to a sibling. Take a break from your work.

2:15 pm

Specialists Rotation 2

A second rotation of the specialist classes will occur. This will include MMUN for our eighth graders.



Preparing the Environment at Home

Montessori environments at school are prepared with beauty and order in mind, and preparing a clearly defined work space for your child will support purposeful work and concentration. This should be a quiet place and will be different in each home; it could be a table or a place mat, but it should be a place that is orderly and allows children access to materials. The learning environment includes both the physical layout of the area as well as consistency in daily rhythm and routines.



Preparing as Parents

As parents, we model clear sequencing when we are consistent and follow daily routines. Children can help care for the home environment, including helping prepare snacks and meals and caring for pets, and outdoor activities are important parts of all of our days. Remember that we are not striving for perfection as the journey is the destination, and process is more important than product as children develop.



Next Steps

Children will need to access a browser on a computer or laptop with each child in a family having access to a separate device. Please let us know if you need a device by emailing Cynthia Mullet: cmullett@montessorisa.org. You will receive login info and directions for Canvas closer to the opening of school. Back to School Parent Nights will provide more information and details about your child's program, and your child's classroom teacher will be your main contact.