



**Washington Montessori  
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Dear Families,

We hope you and your family are doing well! With this unprecedented global event, uncertainty abounds. Please be assured that while we have been seeking guidance from federal, state, and local entities, addressing school protocols, and creating communication platforms, we have also been working on the educational side with plans to meet the academic needs of our students.

Yesterday, all classroom guides contacted you via email. It is important for you to respond to that email, simply stating you received it; this enables our guides to communicate with you and your student as we move forward. If you did not receive an email, an All Call was sent late this afternoon providing guidance on how to proceed. Finally, the administrative team continues to keep office hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 to 1:00 p.m., if you have questions or need something from the school.

Academically, the school is on a state-mandated school closure until March 30th. The school is closed for student instruction until that time which is commonly being interpreted as two weeks of closure that simply pushes school back two weeks (see the school's website at <http://www.wmpcs.org/covid19/> for more information). While school work and activities are not mandated until after the end of the month, we recognize the need for students to continue practicing skills as well as the routine of the school day.

As a result, your child's classroom guides have put together a work plan or routine for your student; many of the plans can begin now (such as Kidsfest research, reading, and math practice) while some involve picking up a packet of activities from WMPCS. Your classroom guides are keeping "office hours" which are detailed in their email where they are available to answer your questions, help students with work, or provide direction and ideas. Because each level varies, please look for direction about the packets from your classroom guides.

Also, we have posted a Handbook for Parents entitled, "Learning from Home" to better help you navigate these uncertain times and to do so in the spirit of the Montessori pedagogy. The Handbook may be found on the school's website under the Parents and the Covid19 pages.

If school continues to be closed after March 30th, our guides have both made plans and continue to plan for that probability. We will address that at another time but please be

assured that we are committed to academic excellence and nurturing curiosity, creativity, and the imagination of our students. Our philosophy promotes independent learning, choice, and flexibility which uniquely equips us to handle this unexpected change of our everyday routine.

Our community is much like family to one another. As you may know, donations of canned and packaged food are being accepted in the school office; please reach out to us if you are in need. Our thoughts are with each of you, and we hope you are staying safe and healthy.

Darla and Austin