



Dear Kindergarten Families,

I hope you are well and have had an opportunity to enjoy the spring weather that arrived this week. As you know, our Kindergarten teachers have been reflecting on the activities and lessons sent home and learning ways to refine the way content is delivered to the children.

This past week's half class Zoom lessons appear to be the right size to enable teachers and students to connect while also allowing the continuation of learning in real time. Additionally, our teachers have utilized Loom, a screencasting application, in order to share directions and instructions directly with the children for today's *Top-It* game. These important technology tools as well as the Seesaw Activities, will inform the way content and practice will continue at home in the coming days. **Here is what you can expect next week, beginning April 15.**

- Kindergarten students will have **Zoom lessons organized in half classes Monday through Thursday**. Depending on your child's group, the lesson will take place for about 30 minutes at either 9am or 10am. Your child's homeroom teacher will send you the grouping information.
- In addition to a Zoom lesson, a teacher led pre-recorded lesson will be part of the daily template.
- To solidify the lessons, teachers will assign follow-up work that may need adult support.

This shift in the way instruction is delivered will help create an opportunity for some more independence on the part of your child. However, please keep in mind that Kindergarten students rely on their teachers for consistent support at school, as such they will continue to need your guidance at home.

The changes to the Kindergarten program have been iterative and intentional. As distance learning continues to be needed, teachers and administrators at all levels will constantly evaluate the delivery systems to ensure student's educational needs are met.

As we begin this new real-time meeting schedule with your child, please let me know if you are in need of a Key School iPad so your family's technology needs can be met.

We are grateful to have access to technology that helps us see and hear one another and that especially true when it comes to being with the children. This time in our history really highlights our human need for social connection and interaction. I hope your family is able to connect with those closest to you so everyone continues to feel the support of those who love them most.

If you have questions about the latest format of the Kindergarten program, please let me know.

It is my continued hope that you and your family stay healthy and well.

All the best,

Becky Feters