

Dear Preschool families,

Welcome back to Preschool! We all know that school will look a little different this year however we are so excited to have our students back in a learning environment. First and foremost, we want to commend you on your flexibility and understanding while we attempt to navigate the uncertainties surrounding the opening of the Verona Schools. Due to the circumstances, we have some changes in our preschool program this school year. It's very important that every parent sign into the genesis program **DAILY** and answer a simple questionnaire about your child's health status. Also **ALL** preschool classes will **NOT** be eating snacks at school. Please make sure you have your child eat a hearty breakfast prior to coming to school. Our class schedules are going to look different. Please see below for your child's class schedule.

Preschool Class Schedules:

*This schedule is always subject to change since we are a couple weeks away from the first day of school.

<u>AM Preschool</u> (3-4 yr old class) <u>Miss Alana</u>	<u>PM PreK</u> (4-5 yr old class) <u>Miss Alana</u>	<u>LSS & PSD</u> (full day preschool classes) <u>Miss Grace & Miss Crystal</u>
9:00-11:30	12:30-3:00	8:30-12:30 PM (In-Person) 1:15- 2:45 (Virtual)
Students in the 3 year old class will have daily in-person instruction from 9:00-11:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday is a Remote Learning Day from 9:00- 11:30.	Students in the 4 year old class will have daily in-person instruction from 12:30- 3:00 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday is a Remote Learning Day from 12:30-3:00.	Students in the PSD and LSS classes will have daily in-person instruction from 8:30-12:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Students may have remote and/or live streamed activities in the afternoon (1:15 pm -2:45 pm). Wednesday is an all remote day with remote and/or live streamed instruction from 8:30 am -12:30 pm and from 1:15 pm -2:45 pm.

Please note that Wednesdays are Remote Learning Days for all preschool students.

Setting Up For Remote Learning at Home:

Many of you have inquired over the past few months about creating an effective at home learning environment for your child's remote lessons with their teachers and therapists. Back in March, we needed to quickly move to remote learning. We all did the best job we could creating an at home space for learning. Now that our school is reopening, we should begin to think ahead about making a more structured area at home that will mimic a school environment as effectively as possible for both you and your child. The students are now experienced remote learners and are ready for the next step in virtual instruction, a more structured school-like area in their home.

Below are some *guidelines* to help you create the best possible "classroom like" area in your home:

- Have a designated area for "school" at home. A desk/small or child sized table, materials, a distraction free area and device
- Have your child get up, have breakfast, change and get ready for school (at home or face to face) - take their backpack to the learning area at home - This is school time
- Be on time and ready for remote learning
- Be sure the lighting is bright so we can see the students cute faces
- Make sure the device you are using is directly in front of the student for best eye contact and focus
- Have all materials on hand for upcoming lessons
- Have behavioral charts for success ready to go
- Have schedules ready to go - pictures or written
- Have a timer on hand
- Have "break" materials on hand
- Prep all crafts and have them ready to go and off to the side
- Encourage independence by letting your child take care of his/her own belongings - as per the instruction of the teacher and parent - Get a pencil, put _____ away or in your backpack.
- Encourage using the bathroom before the remote lesson

Supply lists for both school and at home:

Parents are to purchase and send these items to school in a labeled bag for their child

Please reach out to your teacher with any questions, comments or concerns.

Supply list to send into school if attending school face to face:

- Wipes (1 container) - for your child only
- Paper towels (two rolls)
- Tissues (2 boxes) - for your child only
- Ziplock Bags (1 pack of large size) - for your child only
- Antibacterial soap and Purell for your child to use only
- Extra Masks for your child to use only - Please label
- Sensory gadgets for breaks - for your child only
- 1 full change of clothes - Please Label
- Water Bottle (to be brought in each day with extra water to refill in case your child drinks it all)
- Backpack that will fit a regular sized folder and work and crafts that will be sent home

Supply list to keep at home in a bin:

- 1 Pack of 24 Crayola Crayons
- 1 10 pack of Crayola Markers
- 1 pack of pencils (Dixon Ticonderoga) 8 pack is fine
- 2 Glue sticks
- 1 bottle of Elmer's glue
- 1 pack of construction paper - multicolors
- 1 dry erase board 9 x 12
- 1 pack of dry erase markers and an eraser
- 1 water paint set with brush (usually 8-10 colors come in the set)
- 1 pair of kids scissors
- 1 tray for messy art or science/sensory activities

FINAL NOTE

We want to wish you a WONDERFUL school year! We look forward to seeing you in school and working together to make this an exciting and positive preschool experience for your child. Our goal is for each child to feel respected and valued, safe and secure, calm and confident, eager and excited to come to school each and every day.

As always, Thank you for sharing your children with us. We know this year is going to look very different than years past, but we are looking forward to another exciting school year.

Remember, we still have a “first day of school” so celebrate it with pictures and signs and praises and rewards for great effort.

Best regards,

The Preschool Team (Miss Grace, Miss Crystal & Miss Alana)

Below you may find some helpful resources and graphics you can use to go over rules for remote learning and return to school that are child friendly. Feel free to print out and display in your work area if you choose. :)

-Suggested Preschool Tips to Ensure a Safe Return to School-

- Practice mask-wearing prior to the start of school (**see resources below**)
- Send students to school in pull-on clothing, avoiding snaps/button/ties, to limit need for student/teacher contact during toileting and to promote independence
- Wear shoes with velcro closures/avoid shoelaces for reasons noted above
- Encourage use of the bathroom before students leave for school
- Please refer to the school district health info letter in regards to common Covid-19 symptoms for your child.

COVID Resources to Help You Prepare Your Child:

[Top 5 Parent Concerns About Kids Wearing Masks](#)

[Greet Someone Without Touching social distancing song](#)

[Why Do People Wear Masks? Face Mask Song](#)

[Kids Talk COVID-19 Safety!](#)

[Safety Measures For CORONAVIRUS](#)

[We Wear Masks - A Social Story about the coronavirus](#)

[Sesame Street - Bebe's Handwashing Song](#)

[Germ Smart Kids - How To Wash Your Hands](#)

[The Sneeze How Germs are Spread.flv](#)

[SICK SIMON by Dan Krall - Read Aloud](#)

[Covid-19 Related Stories for School](#) (free printable social stories)

How to Help Your Child Adapt to Wearing a Mask



Explain WHY

Use easy-to-understand language and positive phrasing.



For example, "Many people are sick right now. Wearing a mask will protect you from germs."

Practice Makes Perfect

Shape the behavior by breaking it down into smaller steps. Then practice & reinforce each step.

1. Holding the mask.
2. Putting it against his or her face.
3. Securing the elastic.



Let's Pretend

Integrate masks into your favorite pretend play schemes.

Encourage your child to dress up as a doctor, nurse, or veterinarian.



Take a Picture

Ask family members or friends to take pictures of themselves wearing masks.

You can even arrange a virtual get together so everyone can show off their masks.



Get Creative

Allow your child to decorate their mask using crayons or markers.

If you are planning to make a DIY cloth mask, allow him/her to pick the fabric color or pattern.



Start with Familiar Clothing

Choose clothing that your child already wears and turn it into a mask.

Some ideas include: a scarf, balaclava or bandana.



Stuffed Animals & Dolls Need Masks Too

Put a mask on your child's favorite stuffed animal or doll as a reminder that we are all in this together!



DISTANCE

LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

DRESS CODE



Make sure you are dressed appropriately for school

ASK FOR HELP



Ask an adult for help, if needed

CAMERA ON



Make sure your camera is turned on

MUTE ON



Make sure your screen is muted

NO EATING



No eating during meeting

NO TOYS



No playing with toys during meeting

TV OFF



Turn your TV off during meeting

QUIET SPACE



Find a quiet space to work

Hand Washing Song



SING TO THE TUNE OF "ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT"
WHILE WASHING CHILD'S HANDS.

Wash, wash, wash your hands



Play our handy game.

Rub and scrub, and scrub and rub.

Germs go down the drain. HEY!

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