

Continuity of Education Plan

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Goal of Plan: The Garden Montessori School is committed to providing students with Continuity of Education. We will maintain and enrich student learning by providing enrichment activities and support to both students and parents.

Until further notice: Provide students with meaningful and fulfilling educational experiences delivered through Facebook Classroom and paper packet distribution.

Overview of Plan: The Garden Montessori School mission is to equip all learners for success. We are committed to providing Continuity of Education services via individualized lesson plans, enrichment activities and hands on learning activities direct from the classroom. This plan includes materials, lessons, Facebook Classroom and regular communication to families.

Until further notice:

- Teachers will design and provide lessons based on each child's ability.
- Teachers will continue to use the Montessori Philosophy through the use of borrowed classroom materials, crafted materials, Facebook posts and blended worksheet materials to meet each students' learning needs.
- Teachers will use a variety of learning methods to present lessons – video, youtube video, and photo presentations.
- Planned instructional packets will be available for pickup on a regular schedule.

Expectations for Teaching and Learning: Students and staff will be utilizing prepared materials to maintain our current curriculum and to provide opportunities for enrichment and review. Special requests will be provided, and lending of classroom materials will be considered.

Until further notice:

- Teachers will develop weekly lesson plans and outline required assignments for students.
- Students will continue to progress through the standards utilizing the Montessori aligned scope and sequence through virtual lessons, photo lessons, borrowed or hand-crafted Montessori materials.
- Teachers will be available to support students and families throughout the day – teachers will contact families regularly to provide support with lessons and answer questions.
- Students will utilize lesson packets to complete materials with support videos, photos, and lessons via Facebook Classroom.

Communication Tools and Strategies: Communication will remain fluid and flexible – regular updates of school status to be shared weekly via administration. Communication will include the following: Personal phone calls, emails, texts, school website, and Facebook classroom.

Access: Learning packet will be assembled every 2 weeks for a scheduled pick up. Special consideration will be given to parents in need and alternative pick up be provided. Our staff is committed to connecting with all students and parents during this time. We will utilize the telephone, email, texts and Facebook classroom to accomplish this connectivity and learning material distribution.

Staff General Expectations: Staff members are expected to participate in assembly, planning and coordination of learning packets. This may be done via materials making, copying, compiling, and planning lessons for each weekly unit. Staff will be expected to communicate with students and parents using phone calls, emails, texts, website, and Classroom Facebook. Staff Office hours are between 8:00 and 4:00 pm EST.

Student Expectations: We will expect Kindergarten students to complete learning packet materials. Student engagement includes completion of work, submission of assignments via drop-off of work – photos – or video details of projects. The school recognizes the need to remain considerate and flexible to the various challenges that our families will face during the state directive for “stay at home” social distancing.

Attendance/Accountability: Attendance will be verified by submission of work for all kindergarten students. This may be done by drop-off of materials, photos or videos of projects and work.

Good Faith Efforts for Access and Equity for All Students: Garden Montessori School will continue to utilize email, personal phone calls, our Website, and Facebook Classroom to communicate with families. Activities for all students will be made available every 2 weeks for pick up. For parents with need, alternative measures will be taken to ensure that each child receives the work packet. There will be targeted outreach to all families by teachers/administration to support student educational needs.

Special Education Supports: Garden Montessori will provide enrichment activities and ensure that all activities are made accessible to all students. Related services will contact families to provide support and resource ideas. IEP timelines will be met through phone conferencing.

EL Supports: N/A

Gifted Education: N/A

Building/Grade Level Contacts: Kindergarten Students may access the following for questions and assistance with work – Ms. Sandy (724-316-6921) and Ms. Linda (724-591-2638 or linda.edsall@yahoo.com) Direct questions concerning activities may be addressed will any staff member.

Resource Links: ZOOM Circle Time

Educational packets – pick up schedule as follows:

Monday April 20th and Monday May 4th from 11:00-2:00pm.

Classroom Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/200376261302362/?ref=share>

Website at www.gardenmontessori.com