

Dear LS parents and students,

Thank you for taking the time to answer our phone calls and emails, and for sharing your thoughts with us as we've checked in during this period of social distancing. One of the recurring messages we've heard from you is that it's very hard to be the parent of young children who are now learning at home! We'd all prefer that you be able to drop your children at school and in our care each day, but unfortunately we'll have to wait a bit longer for that. In the meantime, the LS faculty met on Friday to develop consistent organizational approaches which we hope will make the parent experience a little bit easier:

- All LS Google Classrooms will have Zoom links in the same location. Once you enter the Google Classroom and click on Classwork at the top of the page, you will find a Topic labeled Zoom with all Zoom links relevant to the Classroom.
- All classwork, homework and required materials will be posted under Classwork in Google Classroom, and any required materials lists will be posted by 5pm the night before Zoom sessions.
- Where possible, we request that parents/students post completed student work to Google Classroom as well. [Here is a quick tutorial](#) on how to upload work to Google Classroom. If you need additional support, please contact your child's teacher and we will arrange for someone to work with you. We understand!
- We know that Google Classroom generates a lot of emails automatically. These notifications can be turned off by the recipient, but parents/students who turn off the notifications will have to check each Google classroom for assignments and messages. Please consider which approach is best for your household. Teachers are sensitive to the number of messages sent by Google classroom, and are trying to consolidate their communications into as few messages as possible.

Most importantly, we are very excited to create some additional learning opportunities for the students going forward! Through the hard work and dedication of our LS faculty and the ongoing support of our parents and students at home, we have been able to make significant progress in advancing our LS curriculum through Zoom classes and independent student work. And this week, we are thrilled to introduce supplemental small-group learning opportunities to our home-learning program. These experiences are such an important part of the KSDS LS experience, building and reinforcing important academic skills while simultaneously allowing teachers and students to collaborate in a small-group setting. Please consult the schedules for updated grade-level schedules which outline the additional small-group offerings.

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While some of these small-group sessions are already underway, most will not begin meeting before Wednesday, April 29. Please refer to your child's Google Classrooms for Zoom links and information that are specific to your child's class.

We miss your children terribly and although we still can't be physically together, we're looking forward to learning together and connecting in this more intimate setting.

Wishing you all the best,
Mrs. Gelber, Dr. Buck and Dr. Nelson