



St. George's Continuity of Learning Plan

Dear Kindergarten Families,

At this time, we have enacted our Continuity of Learning Plan to continue learning at home. Our goal during this time is to continue the StG educational experience regardless of our access to campus. More importantly, we want to maintain the close-knit community we all know and love at St. George's, which is so important in a time when things may feel uncertain or uneasy for our children.

The StG teachers and administration have planned a number of at-home experiences for your child to access throughout their time at home in order to stay connected and continue growing and developing academically. We know this will require your support, so we have been mindful as to how much work and time this would require, as many of you will have other children and jobs to attend to throughout each day. While this current situation is certainly not what we expected out of the 2019-2020 school year, we know that St. George's is resilient when met with adversity, and most importantly, we are experts at *persevering* through tough challenges! I am confident that your family and our StG team will find the positives of this situation and be able to learn and grow from it!

Please know your teachers and I are here to support you and your family during this time. So, please reach out to us if you need anything!

Sincerely,

Brigette Thomas

Director of Lower School

Introduction

In the event of a health-related, political, or natural disaster emergency that would affect our ability to deliver instruction in person as a physical school, St. George's has identified the minimum level of instruction and interaction that would qualify as a school day under five different scenarios. This document addresses **Scenario A** in which campuses are closed to all students and teachers, who would stay home but remain in New Orleans. An example of this scenario is the outbreak of an infectious disease for which the state has ordered schools to be closed. As there should be limited interference with the internet in this scenario, teachers will have full access to the internet using their home networks.

First Steps

The Head of School will announce the campus closure via email, social media, and OneCall. The community has a two day grace period to make arrangements to ensure the well-being of their families and to make the transition to remote learning. For the continuity of instruction to take place, students and families will require reliable Internet access while at home as well as access to certain technology devices (i.e. computers, iPads etc). The StG Tech Team will have surveyed families to determine if a family may be in need of a device in order to access our continuity of instruction. The StG Tech Team will also be available via tech@stgnola.org should you need support throughout the transition to our Continuity of Learning plan.

At 8 a.m. on the third day of a campus closure, teachers and students will begin online learning. The details of your child's specific grade level Continuity of Learning plan is below.

Continuity of Learning Plan: Kindergarten Grades

Because students in kindergarten are not entirely self-sufficient and require the aid of a parent or other adult while completing home learning, the minimum time spent by a parent supporting each child on home learning at this age should be about 1.5 hours. Students will most likely need support accessing the online video lessons and materials, as well as any live interactive chatting (like Morning Meeting). Teachers will also provide assignments and independent work following their lessons. This work is designed to be (mostly) independent work, however your child may check in with you for support as they adjust to this new structure. In addition to the 1.5 hours of home learning, we also encourage creative free play during other parts of the day.

Content & Lessons: You will have access to one teacher video lesson per day from the following content areas. These will be accessible through Google Classroom. The StG Tech team will provide each family with access to their child's specific homerooms and small groups once the Continuity of Learning Plan is enacted.

- **Math** - Small group teacher provides a 5 minute lesson via video. At the end of the video, the teacher will also share and explain what independent work students are to complete following the video.
- **Reading** - Small group teacher provides a 5 minute lesson via video. At the end of the video, the teacher will also share and explain what independent work students are to complete following the video.
- **Writing** - The homeroom teacher provides a 5 minute writing lesson from Writer's Workshop, followed by an assigned writing task.
- **Read Aloud:** The teachers will provide a read aloud activity 2x a week. You will receive a link to an online book. The teachers will have an activity or discussion questions planned to be completed with the parents' guidance.
- **Specials:** Specials teachers will provide *a video each week* in their related content. Your child may participate in this video once a week or access it multiple times a week. For example, the PE Department will plan a video lesson that encourages physical activity; this would be a great video to watch and interact with multiple times a week to keep physically active.

Interaction:

- **Morning Meeting** - Once a day, homeroom teachers will conduct a Google Meet session to provide social/emotional interactive experience for students. Your child has the choice to opt into this live chat with teachers and friends each day. We highly encourage they attend in order to stay connected with their community! Your child will need your help to log into the Google Meet platform.
 - Kindergarten daily morning meeting time: 8:45-9 a.m.
 - *Please be sure to remind your children of these guidelines when using video for calls:*
 - Please be seated at a table, not on beds
 - Street clothes should be worn (no pajamas)

- Maintain class etiquette and follow teacher directions
- TV/music off to reduce distractions
- Teachers will have **office hours** each week. They will set a 30-minute window 3x a week to be available to parents for live, online interactive chatting in Google Meet/Hangout in the event you have questions about any assignments. They will also be available via Google Classroom chat and email. Teachers will arrange their specific office hours and share them with you.

Kindergarten

As you adjust to your time at home for the first few days, feel free to opt into these fun academic-based activities with your child before the regularly scheduled instruction begins on Wednesday, March 18th.

| Reading | Math |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play the alphabet game in your house! Start by finding something that starts with an a, then b, etc. Can you make it to z? Write down the words using your best inventive spelling. • Draw a map of your house. Label all the parts you draw. • Read a story with your parent. Talk about your favorite character, what happened in the story, and what the characters were thinking about. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play UNO • Play memory • Play Go Fish • Play any board game that involves dice and moving spaces (Candyland, Chutes and Ladders, Trouble, etc.) • Play Checkers |
| Writing | Science/Social Studies |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Prompt: What is something you can help a family member do today? 1 or 2 sentences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I can help _____ • Writing Prompt: What is your favorite part of your house? • Start reading a book together. Pause in the middle and ask your child - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “What do you think will happen next?” and then write about it ○ “How do you think _____ feels right now?” and have them write about it | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the weather for the day • Check the phase of the moon for the night • Help a family member today! • Help your parent cook something that involves measurements |

Materials: You will have received at-home learning materials from your child's teachers at parent conferences or at our supply pick-up on Monday, March 16th.

Below is a list of at-home science materials that Mrs. Spreen may use during her science experiment video lessons each week that your child may complete as part of continued science instruction. Our hope is that you have most of these materials at home already. While Kindergarten does not normally have a scheduled Science class, Mrs. Spreen will be providing a weekly at-home experiment your children can opt into and try at home! Thanks Mrs. Spreen!

Kindergarten: At Home Science Materials List

- Baking soda
- Vinegar
- Food coloring dye
- Cake or Pancake Mix
- Eggs
- Cornstarch
- String
- Paperclips
- Liquid Glue