

Early Childhood Remote Learning Plan

Fall 2020

Remote Learning:

1. EC families are not billed for days when the building is closed due to COVID-19.
2. Remote Learning is offered for our First Step, Preschool and Pre-K students when either a cohort or division is closed on days school was scheduled to be in session.
3. Plans outlined below are subject to change if only one or a few cohorts are doing Remote Learning.
4. Technology (access to the internet and a device) is needed to participate in EC Remote Learning.
5. Participation in EC Remote Learning is not required but encouraged.



Curriculum Overview:

1. Classroom teachers post on Seesaw the day prior (no later than 7:30 p.m.):
 - a. Post 1-Zoom link to live morning gathering
 - b. Post 2-activity 1
 - c. Post 3-activity 2
2. Teachers run a daily Zoom class, during this time students may participate in a gathering, group share, lesson or story. This class takes place between 9-10 a.m. (specific time determined by the classroom teacher) and runs no longer than 30 minutes.
3. Recorded lessons or stories are shared with families 1-2 times a week by their classroom teachers.
4. 1:1 meetings between a teacher and student (adult present for assistance) may be held.
5. Our recommended EC supplies are emailed out about a week prior for those families who want to gather things ahead of time. Particular materials for an activity are sent in the mail about a week prior.
6. EC specialty teachers (Music & Movement/Dance, Spanish, PE and Library):
 - a. Post a weekly activity on Seesaw on Mondays
 - b. Offer a Zoom classes weekly (schedule to be shared)
7. A weekly mailing is sent to families with additional hands-on resources like parent education pieces from Conscious Discipline and classroom specific activities. These documents are saved to myHB EC's Parent Group page under Topics once mailed.

***All Zoom classes are recorded and shared with families.

Community Connections:

1. Remote EC Community Meetings are held weekly on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. We encourage all families to attend and all faculty are expected to attend. During these Meetings we celebrate Family Traditions, birthdays, and sing our HB EC Song.
2. Weekly EC themes are supported through live gatherings and recorded lessons run by Division Director, Kristin Kuhn. Weekly themes include Spirit Week, Animal Week, Fun with Food Week, etc.
3. The EC Weekly (EC newsletter that provides tips on play, Conscious Discipline, activities around town, important dates and links to articles) is emailed on Friday afternoons.
4. EC Parent Webinars through Zoom are held featuring panelists.
5. Student photos of Remote Learning are posted on our digital platform, Vidigami. Parents can access photo books in the Early Childhood & ITC Group. We recommend you view them with your child by clicking on the first photo in the book and use the arrow on the right to click through. Student photos are also shared on Seesaw and in The EC Weekly.
6. Occasionally videos are shared with families.

Faculty Expectations:

1. Faculty are available on email throughout the school day, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and they will respond to your email within 24 hours Monday-Friday.
2. Faculty reply to Seesaw posts by the end of each school day, at least one per child.
3. Faculty are available to speak on the phone or hold a Zoom call with parents or parents and child. Please email your child's teachers to arrange a specific time.

Student and Parent Expectations:

1. We ask parents to partner with us and be patient.
2. We recommend families use the suggested activities provided by classroom teachers but understand that some days you may not get to one or all.
3. We recommend families use the information provided in the mailings, particularly the Conscious Discipline resources.
4. During this time we fully understand that there will need to be a balance between your work and your child's work.
5. Contact classroom teachers, Kristin Kuhn (kkuhn@hb.edu) or Jodi White (jwhite@hb.edu) anytime with questions or concerns. If you have questions about specialty classes, please email specialty teachers directly. Sheri Homany and Dr. Fran Bisselle are overseeing all safety and return to school conversations, please reach them at shomany@hb.edu.
6. HB is a school that respects and gathers parent feedback and we will provide you ways to deliver this feedback which will help us design an appropriate EC Remote Learning experience.
7. So that we can see your child work and play, please upload your child's work to Seesaw daily. You may also send photos to your child's classroom teachers throughout the week. These photos may be shared on Seesaw, Vidigami or social media. If you do not want this, please alert your teachers/ Marketing and Communications at kdavis@hb.edu.
8. We recommend you have your child engage in physical activity immediately following any type of screen time (like jumping jacks, run around, skip outside, dance party).