

Children's House Virtual Circle Time Information

Goals

- Connection: keeping children and family engaged with teachers and peers
 - Routine: providing children with a daily activity that resembles something they are comfortable and familiar with from school
 - Engagement: opportunity to engage and participate in daily lessons with their teachers and peers, prompting further activity and exploration on their own at home with family members or caretakers
 - Schedule: we will meet Monday-Friday at the same time for up to 15 minutes
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Guidelines

- Use a computer if possible to login to Zoom Meeting each day; a bigger screen allows your child to view more of their classmates faces while they are listening and participating in our whole group lessons; there is also less movement from a stationary computer or laptop than a tablet or phone. If you must use the mobile devices, please set them up on a table or other stationary location so your child is not tempted to touch and move their screen.
 - Timeliness - please be prompt in logging in, erring on the side of a few minutes early so we may start as close to on time as possible; it will take a few minutes when we first begin to get everyone accustomed to this new way of interacting.
 - Please make sure your child is dressed and fed so they are awake and ready to listen and participate; help them find a comfortable seated position, either criss cross apple sauce on the floor, pillow or in a child size seat (if possible).
 - Limit distractions - keeping view in Speaker View will help limit what the child is seeing on screen to the speaker (teacher or classmate); please try to keep pets out of the room and other family members engaged with quiet activities if they are in the same room; keep visual distractions such as other toys or activities away from wherever the computer or screen they are using is sitting/standing.
 - If possible, enter the classroom with **VIDEO ON** and **SOUND OFF**/microphone muted. We will do our best to keep everyone muted when the lead teacher is talking and then show the kids how to raise their hand if they have something to say, at which point we will unmute them so they may have a turn to share, ask or answer questions; when your child's audio is on, please try to limit background noise (e.g. pets, siblings).
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Activity Ideas

- Circle Time Songs and Movement

Thursday, March 19, 2020

- Birthday Celebrations
- Science Experiments
- Read Alouds/ Story time
- Show and Tell
- Art Lessons

Schedule (tentative)

-Boreal: M-F 10am-10:15am

-Taiga: M-F 10:30am-10:45am