



# Early Childhood Mandated Remote Learning 2021-22 School Year



THE PARISH SCHOOL

We are so excited to start the 2021-22 school year with you. After a difficult year, facing the unique challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are all eager to return to a sense of normalcy. We believe that it is in the best interest of our students to continue learning face-to-face. For that reason, all instruction for the 2021-22 school year will be held on campus with continued diligence regarding health and safety practices. We recognize that there may be times that a particular class and/or the campus is required to close for a period of time. These decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis after consulting with the health department and Health and Human Services of Texas (Child Care Licensing). In the event of mandatory closure, remote learning will be available.

## **Mandated Remote Learning**

A remote learning option will only be offered should a specific classroom and/or the campus be required to close for the safety of our school community. All decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis after consulting with the health department and Health and Human Services of Texas (Child Care Licensing). In the event of closure, classrooms will transition to remote learning until face-to-face, on-campus instruction can safely resume.

## **Remote Learning Considerations for Early Childhood Populations**

Remote learning presents unique challenges for young children who are unable to independently access traditional distance learning tools. In addition, young children require hands-on experiences to learn. When facilitated by a responsive adult, with knowledge of intentional teaching practices, these learning opportunities become powerful pathways to develop new knowledge. Face-to-face human connection and meaningful experiences are essential. The resources below have been selected with these challenges in mind and are available to any student engaged in remote learning. We recognize not every family will have access to the same technology or time to devote to remote learning. Your instructional team is available to you and we are ready to partner with you to meet the unique needs of your family.

## Remote Learning Resources

### At-Home Learning Guides

Weekly at-home learning guides will be provided in advance. The activities suggested will align content from on-campus instruction to at-home learning. While remote learning cannot look identical to face-to-face instruction, the at-home learning guide will equip caregivers with the knowledge they need to present meaningful learning experiences with similar learning objectives. The learning guides will use materials commonly found within your home, eliminating the need to print or buy supplementary resources. In addition, activities will be aligned to the state standards and early learning guidelines.

### ReadyRosie

ReadyRosie is an early education tool that helps the family and school partner together to enhance student outcomes and create meaningful home learning environments. Each family will be provided a ReadyRosie account where teachers will send activities individualized for your student's learning needs. This mobile technology utilizes "Modeled Moment" videos designed to demonstrate fun, easy activities that families can do at home and on the go to strengthen learning outcomes. This research-based program aligns fully with our curriculum across developmental domains. In addition, a variety of "Research and Answers" videos, featuring experts in the field, provide families with information to navigate the challenges of raising young children. These resources are quick and to-the-point, so families can maximize the time they have available for remote learning. Most importantly, they equip families with the tools they need to implement intentional teaching practices at home. As an added benefit, families may access content between the birth to 3rd grade years. We recognize families who have students in our early childhood program, often have other young children at home as well. Our hope is that the resources provided will be a help and support to your family as a whole.

### Zoom

Establishing and maintaining social connections is valuable and important for young children. Live learning opportunities will be provided throughout the week in large or small group format. In addition, teachers/SLPs will host regular office hours to answer questions and address concerns.

### The Parish Portal

The Parish Portal will remain the central hub for communication and remote learning. Additional resources will be made available via your class page.

## Parent Tips

- Establish a designated area for remote learning. Consider removing distractions, pets and anything that may interrupt learning sessions.
- Find seating that works for your child. This may be a table and chair or for young children, a caregiver's lap.
- Work with your instructional team to develop a visual schedule that may be utilized during remote learning.
- Set up your computer or mobile device a few minutes before the session is scheduled to begin.
- Do get involved in the session, encouraging any attempt your child makes to engage in learning.
- Be patient with yourself and your child! This is new to all of us and it may be difficult at times. We are ready to partner with you and problem solve.