



March 17, 2020

Dear Bixby Families,

Although classes at Bixby School are currently canceled, our teachers are hard at work planning for how to continue learning. Our focus is upon maintaining connections with each other, providing structure and learning for students, and minimizing the amount of “screen time” that kids will need to engage in Bixby learning. Thank you for helping us to pilot new ways of extending the learning at Bixby.

Getting Started:

- Identify a place in your home where you will do “learning activities”; getting it set up in a way that feels comfortable will make it easier to transition from learning to play. A copy of the preschool schedule is attached. Elementary students may use your child’s schedule as a starting place.
- Have a schedule for the day. Each day may have to be different depending on each family’s circumstances but having a plan will help to break up the day and make it easier for your student to be ready for what is coming.

Here is what we have currently prepared for this week:

Preschool’s suggested weekly activities:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PKSI7_THY1UdG45k8E3byTDrGIT0qnlQPWSKHCI16Fs/edit?usp=sharing

Kindergarten’s suggested weekly activities:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pJ_qdAlfDC2CwPwVhommW660XZZpebkb_lc-Bmnlcbc/edit?usp=sharing

Thank you for sharing your videos and pictures on Homeroom-it has been such a joy to see what our students have been up too! (Please let us know if you are having a challenging time uploading pictures and videos and your child’s teacher can help you out!)

First Grade’s continuous learning link is:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NveOgvqEmVf_lr2B2poUwal3s30Gb0n-_krsZ12u6kE/edit?usp=sharing

Second Grade's continuous learning link is:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11jFeRfGJPzCRgvkbWCdvRcFbSLwF3PGs3LPgqq7Pp7M/edit?usp=sharing>

Third Grade's continuous learning link is:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gdPta5c5Q3_BCqcX0PU4xj0u-n9Ly1fDQ4latANtne4/edit?usp=sharing

Fourth and Fifth Grade's continuous learning link is:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QsL6RDkiYFf_CvNldyB_UbBDzLEU2i2cInpW0irMwFs/edit?usp=sharing

Teachers will continue to add links to their learning activities in the Google sheet so you can check this each day, please look at that bottom of the sheet for tabs that will list activities by week. Families should have gained enhanced access to SeeSaw, a digital portfolio, where teachers may post videos, photos or an assignment and students will now be able to post their work from home.

Other activities we have planned include:

- A “virtual assembly” this Friday. Please send us pictures and videos during this week that we can use in our “virtual assembly”
- Daily “opening” and “closing” activities for various grades to come together as a group.
- Some teachers will be holding “office hours” to answer any questions children might have about work that is being sent home. Other teachers will have recorded story times that will be available to our entire community. Look for a sign-up genius to participate in those.

Feedback Please! Please continue to give us feedback on what is working and not working for your children and family. This is new for all of us, and our goal is to be as supportive and responsive to our community as we all navigate this challenging time. If needed going forward we will send out all important information in one email per week to our entire community, so information can be found in one spot. We will have a feedback form coming to you all by the end of the week, should we need to continue remote learning after Spring Break, we will use your feedback!

Technical Support If you need technical support please email Jillb@bixbyschool.org she is our IT point person.

We miss you all and hope that everyone is staying healthy and well.

On behalf of the entire Bixby faculty and staff

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Bixby School serves preschool through elementary level children and their families in a small community setting that compassionately empowers children with critical thinking skills, self-confidence, independence and a love of learning; develops their individual gifts; and prepares them to make meaningful contributions to the world.