

UW LAB SCHOOL Newsletter

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Dear UW Lab School Families,

Thank you for your patience and support as virtual learning opportunities roll out this week. Please keep in touch with your child's teacher, let them know how you and your child are doing, and what you or your child need. All school staff have office hours posted on the school website and are available outside the office hours by appointment if needed. The teachers, along with our UW Lab School team, will do everything we can to help.

As we stay safe in our homes, know that there are really no best practices for teaching, learning, parenting, working, and living through a global crisis. You need to do whatever works best for your family. For some families, schedules help provide structure and control. For others, it works better to go with the flow each day. Do what you can, bond as a family, and build in whatever you can manage while taking care of your family, going to work, or working from home. If you are looking

for engaging low-tech activities from other parents that can be done after finishing schoolwork, check out the UW Lab School Group Facebook page. Please share ideas that are working for your family too!

With this week's start of virtual learning, some typical school procedures also resume. One of these is attendance. Schools are required to submit attendance based on documentation of student engagement and participation in the virtual learning opportunities. With middle school students, teachers will be able to track student work through Schoology and other methods. For elementary students, teachers will request weekly contact from parents with a brief summary of your child's participation in the week's learning activities. Students (both middle school and elementary) and their families still have the flexibility to participate in the virtual learning opportunities in whatever way works best. While the goal is to participate each day, daily attendance will not be impacted if school work is done on some days during the week but not others. Attendance will be submitted at the end of the week so that teachers can adjust for any needs or challenges that come up during the week. This will allow teachers to mark students in attendance for the entire week, even if students did not participate each day.

Although we hope to maintain/build academic skills and will be required to document attendance, please know that our priority is maintaining connections with all of our students and helping to support each of them. We wish you and your family good health in these difficult times!

Sincerely,

Margaret Hudson, UW Lab School Principal