



**BROOKLYN  
FRIENDS  
SCHOOL**

April 12, 2020

Dear Parents,

As we go into our third week of “Virtual Preschool” I wanted to thank you for your continuing support and understanding as we navigate our new reality.

We are heading into the next phase of our journey together with a focus on streamlining this process. In response to feedback from both parents and teachers, we will be making our learning resources more user-friendly and easier to access.

One of the biggest changes you will see is that we are replacing the Daily Email from the teachers, with a Weekly Message. This weekly message will be shared with you in a new format. This new format, the Weekly Schedule, is a simple grid that lays out the entire week of activities.

A message we heard from many families is that they are getting too many emails; another is that it would be helpful to have as much information in advance as possible. We hope that this will help make your home schedule a bit more manageable as you continue to support your children and facilitate their learning. And while this is certainly important, we also encourage you to go easy on yourself. Make sure to give them lots of love and support their social emotional needs, and don't worry if activities are not all done!

These changes will go into effect on Monday, April 13 for the Fours, and on Monday, April 20 for the Threes. Your child's teachers will share this new document with you starting on those dates, and every Monday morning thereafter.

The Preschool Virtual Coffee Hours last week were very well attended and will be something that we will continue going forward. Upcoming Coffee Hours will be by grade level as follows:

Monday, April 20 at 8pm (Fours)  
Wednesday, April 22 at 1:15pm (Threes)  
Monday, April 27 at 8pm (Threes)  
Wednesday, April 29 at 1:15pm (Fours)

Please RSVP with the date you would like to attend, to [Joy](#) .  
Use the link below for access (link is good for all Preschool Coffee Hours).

[Link to Preschool Coffee Hours](#)

Password: 662722

I also want to take this opportunity to introduce Melissa Kronsberg. Melissa has joined our “virtual” team as Ed Tech consultant. She has been invaluable in helping us learn and figure out all the technology we have needed to get the Virtual Preschool up and running, and to help us further streamline our processes.

“Melissa Kronsberg brings her teaching and educational technology background to her work with the BFS preschool, helping teachers navigate new technologies in ways that support developmentally appropriate learning. She holds a masters in education from Bank Street College and taught in NYC public and charter schools before moving into educational technology. She's also a Blue Room parent and can always be counted on to have extra snacks in her fanny pack!”

[Click here to meet Melissa!](#)

As always, we welcome your feedback. We are entering the next phase of this journey, and will continue to streamline and make adjustments as necessary. Our first goal is to make sure your children are having a joyful and valuable learning experience while staying strongly connected with their BFS community.

In Friendship,

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