



**BROOKLYN
FRIENDS
SCHOOL**

May 12, 2020

Dear Preschool Families,

As we continue this extraordinary journey of the 2019-20 school year together, I know that you join me in appreciation for all of the inspiring offerings from the teachers. Engaging with the children and getting to see what they are doing and thinking about during the Zooms and through Storypark has been giving us a window into the learning that is happening at home.

During tomorrow's Preschool Community Time Live we have yet another opportunity to have a window into what your children are thinking and feeling. Jane will discuss how we take care of ourselves to be well and strong, including wearing masks when we go outside!

Last week on Wednesday, Jane shared some of her toy bear stuffy's concerns and questions about Zoom with the children. Then she asked what questions their stuffys had. One of the children said that their stuffy wanted to know when this Coronavirus was going to be over, and everyone else wanted to know the answer as well.

That question is the big one that we all wish we had the answer to. What do we say to our children when they ask this and many more of the hard questions that are coming up during this unprecedented time? How can we respond to them in a reflective and developmentally appropriate way? To learn more and think together about these tough answers, come to our next coffee hour.

Please click [here](#) for the link to Community Time Live, every day at 12:30pm. (Please check your email for this link.)

Join us for our next Preschool Coffee Hour this Thursday May 14th at 8:00pm. [Noelle Dean](#), one of the fabulous presenters from the Emotionally Responsive Practice team from Bank Street College of Education, will work with us to find the answers to these questions, how to talk about the end of the school year transitions, and more. This session will be recorded. Please click [here](#) for the Zoom link to the Coffee Hour. (Please check your email for this link.)

We will have additional Transition Meetings specific to grade levels:

Fours to Kindergarten Transition with Jackie Condie, Katie Banks, Jane Davidson, Rachel Maldonado and Niamh Dolan on Wednesday, May 20th 1:30-2:30. During the Meeting you

will learn more about the Lower School and how we will talk the children about the Transition to Kindergarten.

Threes to Fours Transition on Thursday, May 21st 1:30-2:30.

Links will be sent out before each meeting. Both meetings will be recorded and shared for anyone who is unable to attend.

I hope you have a restful and pleasant evening.

Maura