OVERVIEW
Our distance learning program, *Madrona At Home*, will begin Monday, March 23rd. Families will sign in online each school day and receive instructions, resources and/or lessons from teachers. In this unprecedented era of school closures, we will thoughtfully use technological tools to keep our students engaged in a joyful learning environment, provide an at-home Waldorf program, and continue to connect with one another.

We ask for your patience as we address any issues that might arise in the coming weeks, and we welcome your feedback. Our teachers and staff have trained to use the resources necessary for distance learning, and they look forward to working with students and parents in this new way, and in support of your family rhythms!

DELIVERY PLATFORMS
Madrona at Home will deliver developmentally-appropriate materials to all students via:
- **Google Suite:** Including Classroom, Docs, Drive, Forms, Slides, etc.
- **Google Meet or Hangout:** Live video conversations.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS
All families (parents, and where age appropriate, students) will need the following resources to access *Madrona At Home*:
- **High-speed Internet** that supports several devices and allows for smooth, high-quality video streaming.
- An **Internet-connected device** such as a laptop or desktop computer, or a tablet with a physical keyboard.
- **Google Chrome** as a browser (preferred; easily downloaded if you do not already have a copy).
- **Scanning capability** via a home printer/scanner or a phone scanning app such as: TurboScan Pro ($3.99 one-time), Scanner App, CamScanner, etc. *Note: The school can reimburse you if you need to purchase TurboScan Pro, or its equivalent; submit a receipt by email requesting reimbursement.*

We realize that some families will not have all of these items, and/or have issues with sharing computers. We will work with you in the first couple of weeks to address your specific concerns and challenges.

ACCESSING YOUR ONLINE CLASSROOMS AND COMMUNITIES
Each student has been assigned an individual Madrona School email. This email will be used by parents (and where age appropriate, students under parent supervision) to access classes, materials and your class community. The email format follows the standard firstname.lastname@madronaschool.org. Account login details will be emailed to parents separately, and you will be required to change your password the first time you log in to protect your student's security.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS
Parents (or age-appropriate students) should log in on all of their regular school days. Students should be supported in a regular, daily rhythm, even if different than the one suggested by the school. Teachers will connect with you during school times, and will be available for support and questions. Outside of these times, teachers will respond to emails within 24 hours and often much sooner. Students are expected to "attend" school unless circumstances prevent it.

TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION IN MADRONA AT HOME
- Set up a dedicated work space in your home for your students to do schoolwork.
- Create a family rhythm that includes time for learning and schoolwork, depending on the age of your students. Your schedule might included a time for morning routines and outside play before logging in and beginning work time.
- Set healthy limits around technology use with scheduled breaks, limited use of other devices and daily outside time.
- Help your child shift into school mode by dressing the part, or some other ritual that signals a change in expectations and behavior.

GETTING HELP
If you need assistance setting up access, or you have any questions regarding these technologies, please email: techsupport@madronaschool.org. *And, as long as we are able to be onsite, the school office can provide printing support upon request.*