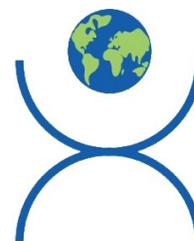


# DISTANCE LEARNING GUIDE

## MATERNELLE (PS-GS)



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### DISTANCE LEARNING (DL) SCHEDULES

The DL schedule for maternelle students will be a flexible schedule based on small group sign-up. The goal of distance learning in maternelle is to maximize student-teacher interaction in order to promote language acquisition and academic development. Parents of maternelle students will have the opportunity to sign up for live, small group sessions each week with the French teacher, the English teacher, the Spanish teacher, and the Assistant Teacher at their convenience. Morning and afternoon sessions will be offered between the hours of 8:30am and 3:20pm.

#### Sample PS/MS Schedule (DRAFT ONLY):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sign up for 1 French Small Group: 8:30-8:50 9:00-9:20 9:30-9:50	Sign up for 1 English Small Group: 8:30-8:50 9:00-9:20 9:30-9:50	Sign up for 1 Spanish Small Group: 8:30-8:50 9:00-9:20 9:30-9:50	Sign up for 1 English Small Group: 8:30-8:50 9:00-9:20 9:30-9:50	Sign up for 1 French Small Group: 8:30-8:50 9:00-9:20 9:30-9:50
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Sign up for 1 French Small Group: 10:15-10:35 10:45-11:05 11:15-11:35	Sign up for 1 English Small Group: 10:15-10:35 10:45-11:05 11:15-11:35	Sign up for 1 Spanish Small Group: 10:15-10:35 10:45-11:05 11:15-11:35	Sign up for 1 English Small Group: 10:15-10:35 10:45-11:05 11:15-11:35	Sign up for 1 French Small Group: 10:15-10:35 10:45-11:05 11:15-11:35
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<b>OPTIONAL</b> French Small Group: 2:00-2:20 ART 2:30-2:50 ART 3:00-3:20 ART	<b>OPTIONAL</b> French Small Group: 2:00-2:20 PE 2:30-2:50 PE 3:00-3:20 PE	<b>OPTIONAL</b> French Small Group: 2:00-2:20 PE 2:30-2:50 PE 3:00-3:20 PE	<b>OPTIONAL</b> French Small Group: 2:00-2:20 ART 2:30-2:50 ART 3:00-3:20 ART	<b>OPTIONAL</b> French Small Group: 2:00-2:20 PE 2:30-2:50 PE 3:00-3:20 PE

#### Sample GS Schedule (DRAFT ONLY):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sign up for 1 French Small Group: 8:30-8:50 9:00-9:20 9:30-9:50	Sign up for 1 English Small Group: 8:30-8:50 9:00-9:20 9:30-9:50	Sign up for 1 French Small Group: 8:30-8:50 9:00-9:20 9:30-9:50	Sign up for 1 Spanish Small Group: 8:30-8:50 9:00-9:20 9:30-9:50	Sign up for 1 French Small Group: 8:30-8:50 9:00-9:20 9:30-9:50
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BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
Sign up for 1 Spanish Small Group: 2:00-2:20 2:30-2:50 3:00-3:20	Sign up for 1 English Small Group: 2:00-2:20 2:30-2:50 3:00-3:20	<b>OPTIONAL</b> Small Group Sign-up: 2:00-2:20 ART 2:30-2:50 ART 3:00-3:20 ART	Sign up for 1 English Small Group: 2:00-2:20 2:30-2:50 3:00-3:20	<b>OPTIONAL</b> Small Group Sign-up: 2:00-2:20 PE 2:30-2:50 PE 3:00-3:20 PE

# DISTANCE LEARNING PLATFORMS

- Students in PS-GS will have separate French, English, and Spanish classes in **SeeSaw**, where they may access class activities and assignments.
- All grade levels will continue to use **Google Meets** for live calls between students and teachers.

You will receive information on how to get connected to distance learning platforms before the start of school.

# ATTENDANCE

Students are required to attend at least 90% of their small groups and must turn in 90% of their assignments. Teachers will track attendance each day.

Please login to join the Class Meets at least 5 minutes early each day. It is understandable that at times there may be technical difficulties, and logging in early can provide time to sort out any issues prior to the start of the Meet. It is important to be on time to the Class Meets, small group, and other meetings set by the teacher during the school day. Tardiness is very disruptive to live Meets, and teachers are counting on student timeliness in order to maximize learning.

# SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION

Small group instruction is used to introduce, review, and reinforce academic concepts and language skills in an online, small group setting using developmentally appropriate activities. In PS-GS, students are developing their skills through play, stories, songs, nursery rhymes, games, and skills-based routines. Small group instruction will be no longer than 15-20 minutes at a time, and we recommend signing up for two to three (maximum) small groups in one day. It is very important for students to have screen breaks and off-screen play time.

# STUDENT INDEPENDENT WORK TIMES

In addition to small groups, teachers will post various activities, materials, and videos on SeeSaw for students to complete each week. The posted activities and materials are meant to reinforce, practice, and review skills and concepts taught during small group.

# COMMUNICATION

Your child's teaching team will be in contact with you via email regarding your child's participation in distance learning Meets and to discuss any academic/behavioral concerns. If your child is not attending small group or completing school work, the team will reach out to you in a timely manner.

Should you have any questions about, concerns or challenges with distance learning platforms, your child's work and progress, academic content, or anything else relating to your child within the school context, please contact the teaching team as soon as possible.

It is also very important for parents to make teachers aware of any major life events that could affect a child's learning (i.e., illness/death in the family, death of a pet, divorce, parental travel, etc.). While children are resilient, having this information can give teachers perspective into observable behaviors, both social and academic.

Please note that teachers are not expected to respond to emails during the school day (8:15am-3:15pm), as they are interacting with students during this time; however, they will get back to you within 48 hours.

# LEARNING MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

We will be in touch with more details about student materials and supplies before the start of the school year. Materials that will need to be printed at home for distance learning will be sent by the teaching team via email no less than the day before they should be printed. Printable materials will also be posted in the appropriate distance learning platform (SeeSaw or Google Classroom).