



### **Lower School Virtual Program**

**2020-2021**

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#### **In the Lower School (K-5) Virtual Learning Program:**

- Lower school teachers will optimize the use of synchronous, asynchronous learning and pre-recorded lessons.
- Classrooms will be equipped with remote cameras so that virtual students can easily see and hear the teacher and their fellow classmates.
- All students in grades K-5 will be provided a device (either tablet or chromebook) should they need one.
- Students will be able to Zoom in for direct instruction.
- Teachers will use Zoom to engage with all students or reach a smaller group of students in a differentiated way.
- The classroom teacher or the assistant will monitor the Zoom session to ensure connectivity with virtual students.
- Using Steelhead Connect, teachers will organize and clarify the learning plan for each week, and detail each step in the plan so students clearly understand what they are supposed to do each day and over the course of the week.
- Students will be able to access office hours and other opportunities for individual student support throughout the day.
- Students may opt into our experiential components such as Storyline, morning meetings, FLIGHT, etc. Please note, that we are still working on our options to sustain these important aspects of our curriculum.
- Details are still in discussion regarding delivery of our specialist programs such as art, music and STEM.
- Social-Emotional learning remains an area of emphasis in our lower school program, and we will continue to prioritize this in our virtual program as well.
- The virtual program will be designed with each grades' development needs and readiness in mind and therefore we look different in grades K-5.

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