



Our mission is to foster the development of the total child in spirit, mind and body. Through Jesus, we encourage the pursuit of excellence in a community of love and respect.

Week One (March 30 – April 3)

- **Monday to Friday:** Teachers will train, meet, plan, and prepare to move our programming online. Teachers will work from their homes this week. (Moving programming online does not mean that all your child's lessons and activities will be in front of screens. We will continue to offer our programs in a variety of ways).
- We are still in the process of planning and opening childcare spots. Childcare will most likely be open on Monday, April 6. There is no childcare available this week. **Childcare is for the children of parents who work in essential services only.**
- Teachers will connect with you, the parents/guardians, sometime this week to check on your family's access to technology and to see if you need any additional support.
- Parents will be sent information on how to pick up their children's belongings and school supplies. The date for pick up is **Friday, April 3.**

*** Please note that your child's items will be placed in labeled plastic bags and put in their regular line up spot outside. **No one is permitted inside the building without permission from the principal.**

***All hot lunch orders have been refunded.

What can Parents do during Week One?

- Please do not rush into anything this week; continue to spend time playing games, doing art activities, baking, building forts, saying a prayer and hanging out. Do not compare yourself to the perfect parents on the internet. They do not really exist. Give yourself a break. You are doing a great job and you know your children best.
- Begin to make small adjustments to your children's schedule and take small steps to establish a routine. Do what works for your family and do not feel pressured to have a perfect system set up. It will take time to adjust to this different approach to teaching and learning. We will ease into this new system as we all learn what works best.
- Do an assessment/inventory of the technology your family has so when your children's teachers contact you, they can get an idea of how best to support you.
- Begin to discuss the school changes with your children. Be positive and confident when speaking with your children so that they feel safe and eager to keep learning.
- We will continue to keep you updated with information as best we can. For more information and ideas, please check out the following website: <https://www.openschool.bc.ca/keeplearning/> .

Thank you for your support.

Blessings,

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