

Dear Children's House Families,

Since the Safer at Home order has been extended, schools will now remain closed for the remainder of the school year. The Eau Claire Area School District's approach to at-home learning is shifting from optional and supplemental to **highly recommended guidelines**. Based on these district guidelines, our Children's House team of teachers has discussed how to best support students and their families during these uncertain and uncharted times. We want to provide structure for at-home learning while also aligning our teaching to meet as many needs as possible.

The school district is recommending that Children's House aged students engage in purposeful play throughout their day embedded with short reading/writing, math and MAPE (music, art and physical education) activities. We will continue to prepare a variety of recommended daily work, resources, and supplemental activities to guide your child's at-home learning experience. These short activities will deepen and build on content previously taught as well as introduce a few new concepts. We also want to ensure that we create small daily connections so the kids can see our faces and hear our voices! Our top priority during this time is to maintain strong relationships between your child, their peers and their teachers.

We certainly don't want to overwhelm either parents or kids, so we are trying to keep our lessons simple, fun and interactive. This is crisis education, not homeschooling, and we want to respect your choice in how your family chooses to approach and complete the assigned work. We will continue to use Seesaw and email as our main methods of communicating activities and assignments.

Our school guidance counselor, Ms. Amanda, is available to support you and your child in any way she can during this time. Her email address is [adavis@ecasd.us](mailto:adavis@ecasd.us).

We truly miss seeing the kids every day! We are very thankful for your support and continued patience with our efforts to teach your children remotely. We also want you to know that we are here to help.

Warmest Regards,  
Children's House teachers

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