

WELCOME TO ROOM 8 REMOTE CLASSROOM

The love of learning starts and continues at home...



School year 2020-2021

Dear families,

Hello! Bonjour! Hola! Welcome to the Room 8 Remote Classroom! My name is Ms. Janice and I am one of the teachers for **Arborland's Primary Remote Learning Program**.

As the whole world continues to cope with the ongoing pandemic, we are starting this school year with a little more ambivalence than usual. As a parent myself, I share your dilemma in deciding how best to move forward with your child. Collectively, we recognize the importance of encouraging your child's love of learning. Fortunately, we are able to nurture this through the remote program that allows your child to do it with a teacher, with friends, materials and environment that he/she is familiar with.

What is it?

It is a holistic approach that allows us to continue to teach your child with the same quality of education that he/she is accustomed to from your home. It also allows us to embed Montessori principles into your child's daily experience. Your child will have the opportunity to learn in a small group with two other students to also foster peer interaction. Our goal is to provide a carefully planned and stimulating curriculum which will help your child develop the foundational habits, attitudes, skills and ideas essential for a lifetime of creative thinking and learning. And I am very excited to facilitate this way of learning with your child!

In Room 8, there are a few things that we like to do in the classroom and would love to continue even remotely:

- Responsibilities Chart - the children truly value being responsible for the care of our community. We will have a new set of responsibilities suitable for the remote program, but we believe that fulfilling these responsibilities are part of their learning and further refine their leadership skills.
- Friday Share Day and Storytelling – these allow the children to express themselves, build confidence and hone their presentation skills!
- Be Kind – the #1 rule in the classroom is to practice kindness to each other, the teachers, and the environment. As we highlighted in previous years, we put a big emphasis on academics, but we give a bigger importance on teaching your child to be a respectful, compassionate, kind and caring individual. And, this is just as important to practice virtually, as it is in person.

For this year, our Culture unit focus is North America with emphasis on the diversity that makes this continent beautiful – from the extensive range of biomes present in our continent, to the abundant natural wonders, expansive vegetation and wildlife, as well as the different races and cultures that enhance the richness of the continent. I plan on integrating this into the Remote Curriculum as well.

I am currently preparing our remote classroom and will begin the schoolyear on Tuesday, August 11. Outlined in the next few pages are some reminders, tips and guidelines to ensure a smooth and successful remote learning experience for your child and our whole community. Please take a moment to go over these with your child ahead of the first day of school.

I appreciate your trust in my commitment to navigate through these times, in partnership with you and I hope that together, we encourage your child to use this moment as a learning tool that will make us better, stronger, more resilient as we move forward into the future. The key to any relationship is open communication so please reach out if you have any questions, comments, concerns, ideas!

Sincerely,

Ms. Janice