

Nokomis Montessori North

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Dear Nokomis Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!

Wow! What an amazing first week!

Google meets, Clever, i-Update, asynchronous, Infinite campus, Seesaw, Schoology, and so many more! I want to first express our sincere gratitude to everyone! Thank you for all your efforts and perseverance as you partner with us to support your child's learning. We appreciate your understanding, patience, and flexibility, as we learn and grow from these challenges together.

Please reach out to us with questions by emailing or messaging your teachers on Seesaw or Schoology. You may contact the main office at 651-744-7440. I'm also available at 651-325-2627 or email at Theresa.jackson@spps.org.

Be sure to mark your calendars for two family events in the next few weeks:

Nokomis Montessori Family Education Night!

This event will take place virtually on **Thursday, September 24th, from 5:30- 7:30 PM**. We will be sharing an overview of our Montessori programs for Children's House, E1 and E2. Breakout sessions will provide tech resources such as Seesaw, Schoology and information for parents to support your student with Distance Learning.

In addition, our Specialists, Reading Teachers, Restorative Practices, and English Learner team will be available to connect with you. Nokomis PTO will also be there to share the wonderful connections and opportunities for this school year.

Kao Kalia Yang's Virtual Reading of *The Most Beautiful Thing*

Join us for a virtual reading of author Kao Kalia Yang's forthcoming picture book ***The Most Beautiful Thing!*** Ms. Yang will be joined in conversation by illustrator Khoa Le and panelists including a new member to our Nokomis family, EL Teacher Christi Schmitt. Families and educators will enjoy this touching intergenerational tale which will be read aloud on **Saturday, Oct 3rd, 2020 at 10:00 AM**.

We hope you can join us! Look for these invitations with all the details soon.

Once again, thank you for partnering with us on this journey. We are so grateful for your trust and support!

In partnership,

Ms. Terri



Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 24th

5:30pm to 7:30 pm

Nokomis Montessori Family
Education Night

Saturday, October 3rd

10:00 am

Kao Kalia's Virtual Book Launch

The Most Beautiful Thing

Some Important Reminders:

New Attendance procedure – Unlike last spring, parents or students will need to take their attendance daily in Distance Learning 2.0.

- Please take the attendance daily for your student to by clicking “Yes, I’m here” in [Campus](#) daily to indicate attendance.
- Communicate with the teacher if you have questions about how to mark “Participated” in Campus for Attendance.
- Call or email your school to report excused absences at-
 - **Attendance Line:** 651-744-7443
 - **Attendance Email:** nokomis-attendance@spps.org
- Contact the school office if you believe your attendance is incorrect- 651-744-7440
- Please click here for more details and video instructions of how to take the attendance- [Attendance Link](#)
- You can also find the attendance information on our Nokomis North website here- [Website Link](#)

iPad Help

- If your iPad is damaged or needs to be replaced, please report the issue by contacting Saint Paul Public Schools Technology Services at familysupport@spps.org or by phone at **651-603-4348** from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please leave a detailed voicemail and your call will be returned as soon as possible.
- If you are having problems with your iPad during this school year, you may also contact your student’s teacher or our school. After a report is made, a member of the SPPS technology support team will contact you about replacement options to continue distance learning in Saint Paul. If you are having issues logging into Seesaw, Schoology or other district-approved apps, please see the information on spps.org/ipadhelp.

Message from our Learning Lead - Ms. Grace

Welcome back to Distance Learning at Nokomis Montessori North!
Please let me know if you have any questions or need support. My Google Meet office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 11:00am-11:30am. Go to meet.google.com and the meeting code is grace100. OR contact me any time via email at grace.raymond@spps.org.

As we all adjust to digital technology, it’s important to remember to take time to share stories with your family and find joy in reading a book. Enjoy this funny one-minute book trailer video, “It’s a Book” by Lane Smith. https://youtu.be/x4BK_2VULCU

We’d love to hear about the books and stories you are reading!!

Happy September everyone!

****If you would like the newsletter in paper form or have it interpreted, please call Ms. Paula at 651-744-7440.**