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Dear Madelaine Halmos Academy Families,

We trust this correspondence finds you well! Please be advised that the Florida Department of Education has mandated that all public and private K-12 schools close and suspend all programming until April 15th. As such, the Madelaine Halmos Academy will be officially closed from tomorrow, March 19th, until April 15th.

During this mandated closure, we want to ensure that our students have the tools and resources they need to continue learning from home. To facilitate this, we will be putting a few things in place, beginning tomorrow morning.

1. All students will have the option to check out a Chromebook (1st through 3rd graders) or a tablet (Kindergartners) to be used for completing school assignments and learning enrichment activities from home. To obtain your student’s device, you will need to complete a Property Pass. Our team will be on campus from 7:15 am to 10:00 am tomorrow (Thursday, March 19th) to sign out devices. You will be able to sign your Property Pass at that time. Work packets and supplies will also be distributed during this time tomorrow.
2. Teachers will send out a weekly assignment schedule each Sunday, beginning this Sunday, March 22nd, detailing what your student must complete. Assignments will be graded. Teachers will communicate via CLASSDOJO. Please ensure that you are connected to your student’s teacher via the CLASSDOJO app. This is very important to ensure that you receive the assignments, which will be graded and entered on My Student’s Progress (MSP) each week.
3. Your MSP login credentials will be sent via email on Friday. You may login to view grades entered for assignments completed and submitted to your student’s teacher.
4. Teachers will be available to support student learning remotely. Contact information and digital office hours will be communicated via CLASSDOJO.
5. Parents will be able to meet the volunteer hours requirement by helping students complete and submit assignments by their due dates! Teachers will include details in weekly communications.

We want you to know that you and your students are in our thoughts during this time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if we can be of any help to you! For your reference, in the event you need to reach us, leave a message on the school main number at: (954) 712-2472. Please note that the school voice messages will be checked daily. Additional educational and family support resources will be available on our website <https://www.jackandjillcenter.org/forfamilies/> Family Team will also be available if you need assistance during the school closure and can be reached via email jjohnson@jackandjillcenter.org or aking@jackandjillcenter.org

Respectfully,

Rachel C. Scott
Head of School
Madelaine Halmos Academy

Jack & Jill Children’s Center helps to break the cycle of poverty for children of high need working families through high quality early childhood education and family strengthening services.

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