

Dear Parents,

Geist Montessori Academy is excited to announce that we will be offering eLearning days this school year if school is cancelled due to inclement weather. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn even on days when it is too dangerous for them to come to school.

These eLearning days will occur in two different ways. GMA has three built in flex days or make up days. These flex days will be the first three eLearning days if we have cancellations due to inclement weather. If there is a fourth cancellation, the eLearning day will occur on the day of the cancellation. The morning of the cancellation you will receive a school wide email with details on whether it will be an eLearning day or if the eLearning day will take place on a scheduled flex day.

What does this mean for our students, parents, and staff? The flex day eLearning days will operate a little different than a day of inclement weather cancellation eLearning day. Flex day eLearning days will be announced in advance. Students will have access to the eLearning assignments the Friday before a scheduled flex eLearning day. For eLearning day scheduled on the day of the actual cancellation due to inclement weather, teachers will send out assignments by 9:00 am that morning.

Teachers will provide information on the assignments and how to complete the work. The school work will consist of current learning objectives tied to your child's class. An eLearning day does not mean that all activities will take place online or with the use of technology. The work will depend on the students' current academic level and the teachers' choice. The teachers will be available for direct communication from 9:00am until 5:00pm the day of eLearning taking place. Communication will be through email, google voice, google hangout, or another form of technology depending on the teachers' choice.

Families who do not have direct availability to technology at home should contact their teacher(s) so that they are able to make alternative arrangements. Local places that offer free Wi-Fi in the event that connectivity is needed are; McDonalds, Starbucks, Panera, Public Libraries, Lincoln Pancake House, and Meijer among others.

Students must participate in the eLearning day and provide evidence of work completed to be considered "in attendance" on that day. Failure to do so would result in an unexcused absence for that day. Students will have four days to complete their assignments.

We appreciate your patience as we roll out this innovative approach to learning to address inclement weather days. Please contact Mr. Logan lbonar@gma.k12.in.us with any questions about eLearning at GMA.