



Elementary School Fall 2020 Learning Plan

Fall Learning Plan

We all experienced first-hand the influence of COVID-19 on the way we taught and learned this past year. These challenging times highlighted our character and our care for each other, as well as areas where we need to grow. An essential part of Concordia Shanghai's educational experience is "Learning Wrapped in Relationships." Below you will find our education principles and guidelines for learning, designed to ensure that our student-teacher relationships and learning opportunities remain strong, whether we are together on-campus or in different locations learning together.

The following information will help you envision what your child's learning experience will be like next year, whether they are on campus or physically distant from our school. We are working diligently to ensure that we carry out our mission of viewing each child as a gift from God, entrusted to us by parents, to educate holistically in a nurturing environment. We will continue to provide comprehensive and challenging opportunities for students to grow as insightful learners, active global citizens, reflective spiritual beings, effective communicators, and principle-centered leaders and team members.



Message From Our Principal:

The theme for the 2020-2021 academic year is Persevere. This is an appropriate word for all of us as the entire world continues to face many challenges. We, as parents and educators, will certainly need to partner together to create a positive year of learning for all of our children.

One of my favorite quotes is by the writer Anthony J. D'Angelo. He wrote, "Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine." Each of us has the opportunity to bring a positive mindset each and every day to help the boys and girls thrive during these unique times. It will be essential for each of us to impart that can-do spirit to our children for their success.

In this document, you will find key information about our holistic program whether you are in Shanghai or around the world. We look forward to the day when we are all back together here in Shanghai as one community.

It is my sincere hope that you and your entire family will continue to stay safe and healthy wherever you are. As I often say to the boys and girls, **"Stay strong! Stay flexible and adaptable! And, stay healthy!"**

God's richest blessings!!

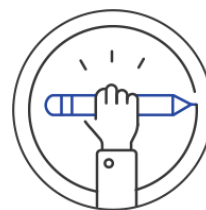
Dr. Eric Semler
Elementary School Principal

Guiding Principles

- ▶ We will provide a quality program of rich learning experiences that are accessible to all.
- ▶ We will design learning opportunities that engage students in authentic, developmentally appropriate experiences.
- ▶ We will provide high-quality instruction to support holistic learning informed by a standards-based curriculum.
- ▶ We will create meaningful, supportive relationships between teachers and students and between peers
- ▶ We will encourage active participation, collaboration, and communication through all learning opportunities.



QUALITY
PROGRAM



LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES



HIGH-QUALITY
INSTRUCTION



MEANINGFUL,
SUPPORTIVE
RELATIONSHIPS



ENCOURAGE



If your child is in Shanghai and will attend school daily, here are some key points:

- ▶ Every student will have a qualified and experienced homeroom teacher who will provide face-to-face instruction.
- ▶ Students will receive face-to-face instruction in all subjects: math, reading, writing, science, social studies, Mandarin, P.E., music, art, and RSB.
- ▶ The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:20 p.m.
- ▶ The ES program runs on a 6-day schedule. Students rotate through Specials (P.E., music, art).
- ▶ Students will have Mandarin daily. Students in Grade 1 and Grade 2 will have a daily 30-minute class and students in Grade 3 and Grade 4 will have a daily 40-minute class provided by Concordia's highly qualified, experienced Mandarin Specialists.
- ▶ The ELL and LS programs will offer modified support for students at the beginning of the academic year.
- ▶ Teachers will use Seesaw allowing students to demonstrate their learning. Parents will have access to view their child's work.
- ▶ Students in Shanghai will have access to both print and electronic library resources. The physical library will remain closed at the beginning of the year. Library personnel will visit individual classrooms periodically so that students may access the print materials.

Example of Elementary School Schedule

| Class | Time |
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| Morning Work | 7:45 a.m. |
| Community Time | 8:00 a.m. |
| Writing | 8:10 a.m. |
| Specials | 9:25 a.m. |
| Lunch | 11:20 a.m. |
| Read Aloud | 11:50 a.m. |
| Reading | 12:00 p.m. |
| Recess | 12:55 p.m. |
| Math | 1:20 p.m. |
| Science/Social Studies/RSB | 2:20 p.m. |
| Community Time | 3:10 p.m. |
| Dismissal | 3:20 p.m. |

Contact Information

- ▶ Student work, learning activities, or learning resources
Email Homeroom Teacher
- ▶ Technology-related questions or issues
Email Homeroom Teacher
or tech@concordiashanghai.org
- ▶ Other Distance Learning related questions or issues
Email ES Office at es.office@concordiashanghai.org

If your child will participate in Distance Learning (DL) in the ES Division, here are some key points:

- ▶ Every student will have a qualified and experienced homeroom teacher who will provide DL instruction.
- ▶ Seesaw Class will be the primary Learning Management System (LMS) for the ES Division. Students will access learning materials each day on this platform. In addition, students will post their work for the teacher to review. Student work is only visible to the teacher and the parents.
- ▶ Seesaw Activities will be posted by 8:00 a.m. each day.
- ▶ Depending on your family's location, some students will be placed in a North America cohort or an Asia cohort. If your child is in the United States or in Canada, then your child's Seesaw Activities will be posted by 8:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST). If your child is in Asia, then your child's Seesaw Activities will be posted by 8:00 a.m. (Beijing Time).
- ▶ Students will receive instruction in all subjects: math, reading, writing, science, social studies, Mandarin, P.E., music, art, and RSB.
- ▶ The DL program will be a blend of synchronous and asynchronous teaching.
 - ▷ The DL teacher will provide synchronous teaching via Zoom. These live sessions will provide opportunities for the students to interact with their teacher.
 - ▷ Each class will last 40-45 minutes with a 15-20 minute break between classes.
 - ▷ The ELL and LS programs will offer modified support for students through scheduled Zoom sessions.
- ▶ DL teachers will typically provide feedback to students daily in at least one subject.
- ▶ DL students will continue to have access to all of the electronic library resources.

Example of Distance Learning Schedule

| Class | Time |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Morning Meeting | 7:45 a.m. |
| Math | 8:00 a.m. |
| Writing | 9:00 a.m. |
| Specials | 10:00 a.m. |
| Science/Social Studies/RSB | 11:00 a.m. |
| Lunch | 12:00 p.m. |
| Reading | 1:00 p.m. |
| Read Aloud, Word Study, Mandarin | Asynchronous |