



# Links to Learning Online Academy

## Fall 2020



The Links to Learning Online Academy is a complete preschool at home for families seeking a virtual experience due to COVID-19. Links to Learning is the proven, developmentally appropriate, engaging curriculum developed and implemented by the educational experts of Spring Education Group.

**Links to Learning is the proprietary curriculum used at the sister group of preschools shown below.**



Chesterbrook  
Academy



Merryhill  
School



Discovery Isle  
Preschool



Carrington  
Academy



Enchanted Care  
Learning Center • Kids Campus



preschool & school age



Camelback Desert  
School



Southern  
Highlands  
Preparatory School



Horizon Roll  
Country Day School



Ready Set  
Grow!



Bethesda  
Country Day School



Riverstone



Brighton  
School



Touchstone  
School



# Overview

During the current COVID-19 crisis, some parents may be reluctant to send their littlest ones back to school (or to school for the first time). We are therefore pleased to be able to offer our Links to Learning early childhood curriculum in a virtual form through our Links to Learning Online Academy for children in Beginner – Pre-Kindergarten (approximately ages 2 to 4). This program will combine online instruction with correlated offline activities to keep children engaged and on-track to continue their educational and social-emotional development.

The goals of the Links to Learning Online Academy are to:

1. Create a virtual/at-home experience that replicates the in-person preschool experience as much as possible.
2. Incorporate virtual social and learning connections to other children and families.

## Teachers

Our teachers are highly experienced and certified in early education. They have a passion for engaging all children and a special interest in developing highly creative virtual experiences for early learners. They genuinely care about children and understand each child's individual developmental needs and learning styles.

## Curriculum

The Links to Learning Online Academy is built around easy-to-follow, weekly learning plans. The program content will include a combination of real-time, online interactions with teachers and other students, plus pre-recorded sessions for flexible participation, and guided at-home offline activities.

Pace of learning will mirror the progressive skill development that is taking place concurrently at our in-person preschools. The scope and sequence of the program will be 100% aligned week-by-week with our on-campus program, such that if you choose to bring your child back to our in-person school, the transition will be seamless.

**The eight components of Links to Learning are:**



### **Language and Literacy**

Reading, writing, communication, language & vocabulary with exposure to a wide range of stories, letters & words.



### **Mathematics**

Pattern, size, shape & quantity with use of graphs, charts & grouping of objects for problem-solving skills.



### **Social-Emotional**

Character education and self-help skills with use of puppets, games, books & problem-solving activities.



### **Wellness**

Games & physical activities to promote mobility, balance & fine motor skills. Introduction to nutritional concepts.



### **Creative Expression**

Self-expression & creative thinking through sounds, music, art & imaginative play.



### **Science and Social Studies**

Natural & social environments, types of families & community helpers, diversity, geography, & science experiments.



### **Citizens of the World**

Exposure to diverse cultures & traditions around the globe, as well as Spanish vocabulary.



### **Digital Interactions**

Exploration of technology, terminology & an understanding of how technology has changed over time



# Program Components

## Daily:

- Morning and afternoon real-time, online class sessions including circle time
- Engagement in mathematics, language and literacy, science and social studies, and creative expression and Spanish
- Recommended offline activities for play and development to align with skills goals.
- Email with photos and a report of your child's day

## Weekly:

- One-on-one check-in with your child's teacher
- Live or pre-recorded story times, demonstrations and songs

## Monthly:

- One-on-one parent consultation with school leadership
- Newsletters
- Outdoor, socially distanced events where feasible

## Quarterly:

- Virtual events with on-campus students (e.g. field trips, dress-up/theme days, puppet shows, music events, etc.)
- Virtual "parent coffees" with school leadership (schedule to be determined)
- Parent education webinar events and workshops, featuring guest lecturers and experts
- Parent report with information about your child's development

## Annually:

- Digital portfolio showing student progress



# Outline of Daily Schedule

## Morning:

- Greeting and classroom connection
- Circle time activities, including language, literacy, math, Spanish and more
- Snack and open play for social development
- Music, art and dramatic play
- Foundational mathematics
- Independent time with recommended activities (offline)

## Afternoon:

- Rest/nap and lunch (offline)
- Small group instruction
- Additional language and literacy practice
- Social studies and science
- Storytime and goodbye