



## SOTG Virtual Learning Program

**Goal:** To provide a robust, multi-disciplinary and interactive program that keeps kids engaged both in the virtual setting as well as with their parents at home.

- ❖ “Starter Kits” will be made available to all families. Kits will include a Letters are Characters Book with corresponding coloring book, homemade playdoh, craft supplies, name writing template, and more.
- ❖ Students will have access to a SOTG Google Classroom account where they will find daily and weekly activities, projects, and ideas for fostering learning that align with our curriculum for parents to do with their children at their own pace.
- ❖ Teachers will lead weekly “circle time” sessions to meet with students live and provide the opportunity for students to connect with each other.
- ❖ Teachers will record books being read that align with our curriculum to be watched at your child’s own pace.
- ❖ Short videos with lessons from Second Step, a social emotional curriculum and Matt and Molly, a language and literacy-based curriculum will be made available weekly for children to watch and learn from, with suggestions for practicing these skills at home.
- ❖ Teachers will host “Fun Fridays” 2 times a month where students will have another opportunity to be live with their peers engaging in fun activities with their teachers or special guests.
- ❖ OWL Library will host special SOTG story times once per month with their new children’s librarian, Patricia Moore! A great opportunity for new books, songs, and virtual peer interactions!
- ❖ Monthly virtual programs from partnering organizations will be available for students to participate in:
  - White Memorial will do an animal science program 1x every other month (September, November, January, March, & May)
  - Music Together will host programs in the months of October & February
  - Kidsplay will host STEM programs in the months of December & April.
- ❖ Dr. Caroline Ugurlu, author of Letters are Characters curriculum will be offering weekly lessons on how to use her book, tips for encouraging early literacy and signs to look for if your child is struggling. She will also make herself available should anyone have any questions or need assistance.

**The cost for the SOTG Virtual Learning Program for the 2020-2021 school year is \$600 per student and \$100 extra for each sibling, payable in 2 payments. The first payment to cover September – January is due August 21<sup>st</sup>.**

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