Dear families,

Building and maintaining a strong home–school connection and keeping you involved in your child's day-to-day learning experiences at our school is of the utmost priority. We are excited to announce that we are rolling out a wonderful family engagement program called *tadpoles*®.

The *tadpoles*® program makes it easy for your child's teacher to share real-time information about your child, giving you an unparalleled view into the caregiving events, learning experiences, discoveries, and accomplishments that make your child's days with us so special.

Your child's teacher will use *tadpoles*® to share photos, videos, and daily reports with you securely via email, online at www.tadpoles.com, or via the free *tadpoles*® Parent app for iOS or Android devices. As a family member, you can use *tadpoles*® to enter morning drop-off notes, mark your child absent, and share other important information with your child's teacher.

Each classroom will have a mobile device that is solely for use with the secure *tadpoles*® software. Teachers will not have access to any other functionality on these dedicated devices, ensuring the privacy and security of all information exchanged on the platform. Only you and other designated contacts will receive information about your child.

To create your account on the *tadpoles*® Parent app:

1. Download the *tadpoles*® Parent app.
2. Select "Sign Up".
3. Create an account using the email where you receive your *tadpoles*® messages.
4. Check your email for a link to set up a password.

To create your account on the *tadpoles*® website:

1. Go to http://www.tadpoles.com
2. Select "Log in"
3. Choose "Parent"
4. Select "Sign Up"
5. Create an account using the email where you receive your *tadpoles*® messages.
6. Check your email for a link to set up a password.

For more information on setting up your account, please review this article. For more information on using the *tadpoles*® Parent app, please review this article.

We are confident that you will find *tadpoles*® easy to use and welcome the insight it gives you into your child's experiences here at our school. As always, we are happy to answer any questions and address any concerns you have about this new initiative. Thank you for continuing to be a partner in your child's learning!

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