

A Message from STEM Beginnings on how to ensure a successful Zoom class!

# **Dear Parents,**

Welcome to our STEM VIRTUAL CLASSES VIA ZOOM. Thank you for signing up for our program. Our program is intended to introduce virtual STEM learning in a fun way. Children will do hands on activities and are welcome to share ideas and ask questions. We hope for the children to have a STEM-terrific time learning with us!

## To make this class successful for your child, please read the following guidelines:

## 1. How to Join a Zoom Meeting

To join on a computer, laptop or tablet: download ZOOM. Otherwise, you will be prompted to download and install Zoom when you click a join link. To join by phone: download the Zoom app in the App store. Join a test meeting to familiarize yourself with Zoom<u>HERE</u>.

### 2. Quiet & Well-lit Working Space/Area

Choose a quiet, well-lit working space/area for your child. We encourage the use of a table or the floor for activities. You may also work outdoors when doing wet/messy lessons. An area with minimal distractions is encouraged.

### 3. Materials

Prepare the materials ahead of time. This will be emailed to families before the class.

### 4. Participation

We encourage students to be active, engaged and independent during class. We recommend, however, that an adult is accessible for guidance and supervision, as needed, to help keep your child focused and engaged.

#### 5. Online Behavior

Children are asked to "come to class" on time, and be ready for fun and learning. Proper online behavior is encouraged - use respectful and kind words; we wait for our turn; we listen and watch when someone is speaking; proper use of the chat box; be mindful of others. Parent/adult supervision or intervention may be requested as needed.

#### 6. Zoom link

The zoom link will be shared with everyone that is registered for the class. Do NOT share this link with anyone. Only registered students will be admitted to the class. If we see anyone logged in, who's not part of the class roster, we will immediately terminate their access. This will keep our class private and secure.

#### 7. Security / Privacy / Attendance

- Please change the screen name to your child's name before the class. Any device that is not named with the child or the parent's name (ex: Iphone, Galaxy) will be asked to identify themselves or will be immediately removed from the meeting.
- If you are choosing NOT to turn on your video during the class, please make sure you have your child's name in the screen. We also encourage a message in the chat box, to confirm your presence/identity in our class.
- Please inform the library if your child will be absent from the class, so we can open a spot for other families.

Looking forward to "seeing you" all in STEM Class!

Thank you.

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