



Message from Me Family Guide



Message from Me is a tool to strengthen the relationship between you, your child, and your child's classroom. During the school day, your child will send messages in the form of a photo and audio recording to your phone or email.

Using Message from Me your child is learning to:

- Build communication and language skills. This helps your child to be a strong reader.
- Support positive interactions with you and their family members.
- Use digital media in an appropriate way.

With Message from Me your child has the opportunity to share learning experiences with you, which helps support conversations about classroom activities.

Questions to Ask Your Child about Messages

Asking your child about their messages is important and helps build their confidence, curiosity, and self-esteem. **Ask: Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?**

Examples

- I **see** you sent me a message today, tell me more about it. **What** did you do in the class?
- I **notice** you read a new book in school. **What** was the book about?
- I **wonder** if you played inside or outside today. **Who** did you play with? **Where** did you play?
- **How** did you draw that picture? **Why** did you choose those colors?
- I **see** you ate fruit for snack. **What** did the fruit taste like? **How** did you eat the fruit?

To learn more about Message from Me visit www.messagefromme.org

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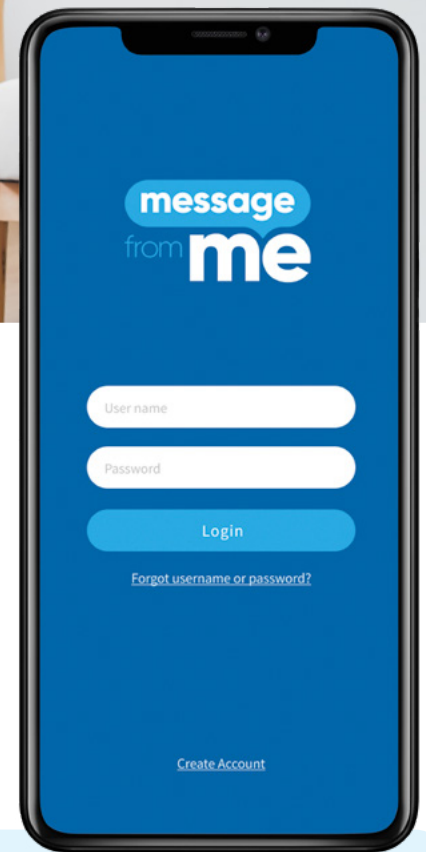


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How to Get the Message from Me Caregivers App



Follow these steps to access the Message from Me Caregivers App:

- Download the Message from Me Caregivers App for free from the App Store, Google Play, or Amazon Appstore.
- Open the app and select “Create Account”.
- Enter the information for your new account, including an email address, username, and password.
- Upload a photo of yourself that the child will see at school. You can always add a photo later if you do not have one handy.
- Add a student by entering their access code along with a nickname that the child uses to refer to you. After selecting “Add Student”, you should see the child’s name appear.
- Finally, select “Create Account” to get started.

After setting up your account, you will be able to receive messages from your child and set reminders to start conversations after school! Please reach out to your child’s teacher or program director with any questions.

Child’s Name and Access Code:

NAME

ACCESS CODE

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