



Dear JJS 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](http://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. Jubilee JumpStart will also utilize tadpoles® for attendance tracking, allowing parents and other authorized adults sign children in and out each day.

The first step to implementing tadpoles® at Jubilee JumpStart is for families to create their parent/family account. Each parent/guardian can create their own account. Please ensure you use the email address you provided us on your enrollment paperwork, when setting up your account. Barbara will be available to assist with email verification, app downloads, and account set-up.

- Thursday, 8/20 @ pick-up – email verification
- Friday, 8/21 Join us for coffee hour in the Toucans classroom. Email verification and account set-up assistance available. (please maintain social distancing)
- Look for an announcement regarding an online tadpoles® tutorial to be held next week.

### **Setting Up Your Account & Accessing Information**

Daily reports, photos, videos & notes sent through Tadpoles can be accessed by parents in a variety of ways. All families automatically receive emails from Tadpoles which contain photos and details about their child’s day. There are, however, some other options for receiving that information. Here's a quick breakdown of each.

**Parent App (for Apple & Android)** - The Tadpoles Parent app allows families to receive new photos & daily reports via the app. When a new item is available, a push notification will alert the parent and allow them to launch the app to view a photo, video, or report. It allows the parent to go back month by month and review the developments that their child has made since they started school. Families can complete the required health screening as well as provide drop off notes for teachers via the app.

The Tadpoles Parent app is free to all families and is available in the App Store, as

well as the Google Play store – just search for “Tadpoles Parent”.

**Parent Website** - The Tadpoles website also contains a parent portal for families to access their child’s data. Parents are able to go back month by month and view photos, videos, daily reports and notes. Just go to [https://www.tadpoles.com/home\\_or\\_work](https://www.tadpoles.com/home_or_work)

Both the app & parent website are accessed through a parent account. A parent can create an account in either spot & use their login interchangeably.

**To Create a Parent Account on the App:**

- Download, "Tadpoles Parent"
- Click, "Sign Up"
- Create an account using the email on file with Jubilee JumpStart.
- The parent should check their email & set up a password.
- They can then marvel at their awesome kiddo!

**To Create a Parent Account on the Website:**

- Go to <http://www.tadpoles.com>
- Click, "Log in"
- Choose, "Parent"
- Select, "Sign Up"
- Create an account using the email on file with Jubilee JumpStart.
- The parent should check their email & set up a password.
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\*\*\*Please note that our roll-out of Tapoles® will take place over several months. Not all features of the program will be available and in use right away. We will start the school year using the app for health screenings & attendance. Families may also begin to use the app to record drop off notes for teachers and to report absences.