

Virtual Classes



Getting Ready for Your Class

Before you come to your first virtual class, you'll want to familiarize yourself with Zoom. We suggest that you download the Zoom app for whatever device you're going to be using.

- For phones or tablets: find the *Zoom Cloud Meetings* app in your application store.
- For computers and laptops: go to www.zoom.us and click Download Zoom Client from the Resources menu at the top right. The option to download the Zoom client will also pop up when you click on the link for your first meeting.
- Note: You do NOT need to create a Zoom account to attend our classes.
- Check your Sunday email for the link and any extra props you'll want to have on hand.

Joining a Class

- To join your class, click the link you received in the Sunday email at the class start time.
- If a passcode is required it will always be SOTHstudios.
- When prompted, enter your child's first name and your first name.
- Select Join with Video so your teacher and classmates can see you. You can always turn off the video later if you'd like.
- When prompted to choose an audio option, select Join With Computer Audio. If you want to test your speaker and microphone to make sure they are working, you can also do that on this screen.
- If you'd prefer not to have your child look at a screen, place the device out of sight, turn up the volume and listen to your teacher's prompts as you play together.

During Class

- If you want to mute your microphone or pause your video camera, use the buttons at the bottom of the screen. You might need to tap the screen to make them active.
- Your teacher may mute all participants' sound at some points during the class so everyone can hear her.
- You can change between Speaker View (whomever is talking has the biggest camera view) or Gallery View (all participants camera views are displayed the same size) depending on how you want to view the class.
 - On a computer, there is an option to change the view at the top right.
 - On a phone or tablet, you can swipe for the different view options.
- We know kids will be interested in the devices, their teacher and the colorful things on the screen. We don't expect anyone to sit still and quiet during class. You and your child can take things at your own pace, just like in our face-to-face classes. Feel free to come and go, include siblings and pets and do what works best for your family. Enjoy participating and being creative together.
- We are excited to bring you a musical interlude in your day for some joy, connection, growth and family time where your child's eyes will shine and your hearts will sing.