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Dear Grand Peak Academy Families,

Our staff has been busy making plans to help our students continue to learn and grow despite the challenging situation we all find ourselves in. Thus, below are the resources that we had planned to send Wednesday so that you can take advantage of the information sooner rather than later. You can support your child's learning at home using a variety of online programs and tools with additional fun sites recommended by staff members. There is no required learning but these online programs and tools can engage students in learning, enhance family time, and be lots of fun!

Those with limited internet access:

Comcast is offering a free package for 60-days: Comcast is offering its low-cost basic Internet package to new customers with a 60-day free trial. That would be enough to get through the school year, if necessary, and hopefully through this health crisis. https://corporate.comcast.com/press/releases/internet-essentials-low-income-broadband-coronavirus-pandemic?fbclid=IwAR2KUsp5VFBLHMdbe_wxMOKg4b6dc_7nIxVD61nLx4XliHpyYFVRoRWnuUw

Resources from Teachers: optional work through 3/30/2020

Elementary School - Classroom teachers sent out resources for their students. Here is a list of some on-line resources that you can use with your students.

CMAS Practice - <https://download.pearsonaccessnext.com/co/co-practicetest.html?links=1>

Reading/Language Arts/Core Knowledge

www.lexialearning.com - Reading Skills - Students have log-ins

www.getepic.com - Reading

www.starfall.com - Reading and Math

www.abcya.com - Reading

www.spellingcity.com - Spelling

www.coreknowledge.org - download core knowledge books

Math

www.freckle.com - free and some classes have accounts

www.mathisfun.com - free math lessons

www.zearn.com - free math lessons

www.learnzillion.com - math videos and Lessons

www.coolmath4kids.com - math games

Middle School

CMAS Practice - <https://download.pearsonaccessnext.com/co/co-practicetest.html?links=1>

6th grade

Mrs. Thomas: ThinkCERCA has a lesson to work on. Also, go to Quill.com and work on things previously assigned

7th grade

Mrs. Neher:

<https://www.quill.org/>

LexiaPowerUp

ThinkCERCA

8th grade

Mrs. Rafferty:

<https://www.quill.org/>

ThinkCERCA

6th-8th grade

Mrs. Arbour:

<https://www.aleks.com/>

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

<https://www.desmos.com/> (graphing calculator)

<https://www.mathopolis.com/>

Mrs. Capotrio: ALEKS for extra practice

Mrs. Engebrecht:

<http://musicaa.com/>

Khan Academy

Mrs. Fraser:

<http://kids.frontiersin.org>

<http://airandspace.si.edu>

<https://www.chemicool.com/m/>

District approved sites: Here is a link to a list of district-approved sites:

<https://www.d49.org/Page/6715>

Below are additional sites that are not necessarily on the district suggestion list, but have some great learning opportunities for your child. Please preview the below links before sharing them with your children, and see if the content fits in with your goals for your student.

Reading

- 30 minutes/day on a reading platform - see options below
- 30 minutes (or more!) per day of reading a real book to self, siblings, or pets

- [ABCYA](#) - math and literacy activities and games
- [Starfall](#) - math and literacy activities and games
- [Denver Public Library](#) - explore book lists and more!
- [Wonderopolis](#)- Nonfiction articles that answer intriguing questions, with a new Wonder of the Day each day!
- [Newsela](#) - online non-fiction reading platform - mostly news articles - have your kids write about their reading
- [Storyline Online](#) - Listen to books read aloud by famous actors/actresses.
- [Scholastic Reading Questions](#) - Grade level (K-5) specific questions to ask children about their reading

Writing

- 15-60 minutes/day depending on grade - think about a variety of types of writing (write stories, write lists, write about informational topics.) Make a newspaper or come up with another fun way to write together. Several idea-generator websites are below.
- [Writing Prompt Ideas](#) - Students can write on paper or type them in GoogleDocs or make a GoogleSlides to present their thinking on a topic
- [The Literacy Shed](#) - a resource with story starters and prompts to help you get ideas for creative writing
- [Scholastic Story Starters](#) - Creative ideas for writing at home
- [Independent Reading Response Ideas](#) - Questions to answer based on any book

Mathematics

- 30 - 60 minutes/day on an online platform - see options below
- 30 minutes/day practicing basic math facts
- [ABCYA](#) - math and literacy activities and games
- [Starfall](#) - math and literacy activities and games
- [Khan Academy](#) - online lessons on a variety of subjects/topics/grades
- [Prodigy](#) - math adventure game for grades 1st - 8th
- [Xtra Math](#) for math fact practice in addition, subtraction, and multiplication

Other Real-life Learning - The rest of the day!

- Do a puzzle together, the harder the better
- Play board games and card games together
- Cook meals and measure ingredients together
- Go for a walk in your neighborhood and draw, read, write, make observations, count, make predictions, etc...
- Listen to a podcast! Keep their minds working, but eyes off the screens! T
 - Three favorites are linked in one spot: [Here!](#)
 - Brains On! - a science podcast for curious kids and adults from American Public Media. Co-hosted each week by kid scientists and reporters from public radio!

- Smash Boom Best - Every episode takes two cool things, smashes them together and lets the kid judge decide which is better: Cats vs. Dogs? Pizza vs. Tacos? Super Speed vs. Super Strength?
 - Forever Ago - A history show for the whole family! Every episode explores the origin of just one thing — like sandwiches or video games — while teaching listeners to think critically about history.
 - [Wow in the World](#) (science)
 - [The Past and the Curious](#)
 - [Noodle Loaf](#)
 - www.kahoot.com
- Create a scavenger hunt, say tongue twisters, write riddles, make an obstacle course around your house, play [Minute to Win It](#) challenges, make slime -- anything to get them thinking critically and moving their bodies!

Here are some resources that are appropriate for ALL students:

- [BrainPop!](#) - Amazing videos and fun activities for all content areas, even Social and Emotional Learning! (check out the interesting science and social studies videos)
 - Username: yuti44
 - Password: yuti44
- [Scholastic Learn at Home Kits](#) - Day by day projects to keep kids learning, ECE-8th grade
- [Mystery Science](#) - quick and interesting science lessons, organized by grade level
- [Scratch](#) - Coding activities
- [Hour of Code](#) - One hour (or shorter) coding activities for kids of all ages
- [Mystery Doug](#) - 5-minute videos to get your kids thinking and talking about science

Physical Activity Ideas:

- Cosmic Kids Yoga: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>
- Offline: ride bikes, play catch, hopscotch, jump rope, basketball, volleyball (or balloon volleyball inside), hiking, sledding, walking the dog, playing fetch with the dog, draw a chalk number line and have your child run to the answer as an adult calls out math problems (+, -, x, /), circuit training, mother may I, red light/green light, soccer, kickball, broom balloon or rolled up sock hockey, races, relay race (can do timed trials if only 1 child), hula hoops, bean bag toss, blanket or couch cushions forts are always awesome for playing or for fun reading nooks. Also, put up a tent in an open space for actual sleeping, or fun "campouts" - can read camping stories, learn about the outdoors through books, documentaries, etc., talk about outdoor safety, can take a scavenger hunt "hike" through the house for camping supplies, even research places you'd like to visit and plan a camping trip.

Virtual Tours:

- Virtual Museum Tours: <https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours?>

[fbclid=IwAR0u_roV71iqGsnmJRSSiOLM4kb1gpg5LH49IyS-lvOnW4f1kSU9m7RNzNA](https://www.facebook.com/montereybayaquarium)

- Monterey Bay Aquarium live animal webcams: [https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams?](https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams?fbclid=IwAR2G6054nOZmf66C2JPhG6fQ53fqJck1q0oyxPE7t82fFHrSHujqvi5pVpU)
[fbclid=IwAR2G6054nOZmf66C2JPhG6fQ53fqJck1q0oyxPE7t82fFHrSHujqvi5pVpU](https://www.facebook.com/montereybayaquarium)
- Recorded live performances of the Seattle Symphony Orchestra: [https://seattlesymphony.org/watch-listen/beyondthestage/live-broadcasts?](https://seattlesymphony.org/watch-listen/beyondthestage/live-broadcasts?fbclid=IwAR2YLvJaCyXTEPLuafCSm2kFeQPVS0IgYdogA_-UsW6GlcK1ay-h-zFNW0U)
[fbclid=IwAR2YLvJaCyXTEPLuafCSm2kFeQPVS0IgYdogA_-UsW6GlcK1ay-h-zFNW0U](https://www.facebook.com/seattlesymphony)
- Nightly Met Opera Streams: <https://operawire.com/metropolitan-opera-to-offer-up-nightly-met-opera-streams/?fbclid=IwAR270ahJa0pkS114Psa4-Px1mn-oXlgMtk6T8MCnNJlaWc0LHeqiNCuDzf4>

Learning a new language:

- Duolingo
 - <https://www.duolingo.com>
 - Learn languages for free. Web or app.

Art Activities:

- The Artful Parent
 - <https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/>
 - Good, free art activities
- Red Ted Art
 - <https://www.redtedart.com>
 - Easy arts and crafts for little ones
- The Imagination Tree
 - <https://theimaginationtree.com>
 - Blog of Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest.
- Online video series with author Mo Willems. He is going to do a video doodle every day at 1ET.
- https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems/?fbclid=IwAR0kOpGPAZChh9A7EjKC6FRaOBjIgh97pS_iKt-J9N1xhG55rwtDsK8Vn3w
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MjaYnyCJDdU&feature=emb_logo

Online Reading:

- Wilbooks has over 1,000 titles (both English and Spanish) online to read for free. Just go the Free Resources page at: <https://www.wilbooks.com/wilbooks-free-resources>
- Switcheroo Zoo www.switcheroozoo.com, Watch, listen and play games to learn all about amazing animals.
- Nat Geo for Kids, www.kids.nationalgeographic.com, Learn all about geography and fascinating animals.
- Into the Book, www.reading.ecb.org, Go "into the book" to play games that practice reading strategies.
- Seussville, www.seussville.com, Read, play games and hang out with Dr. Seuss and his friends.
- ABC YA, www.abcya.com, Practice math and reading skills all while playing fun games.
- Fun Brain, www.funbrain.com, Play games while practicing math and reading skills.
- PBS Kids, www.pbskids.org, Hang out with your favorite characters all while learning.
- Star Fall, www.starfall.com, Practice your phonics skills with these read-along stories.
- Story Online, www.storyonline.net, Have some of your favorite stories read to you by movie stars.
- Highlights Kids, www.highlightskids.com, Read, play games, and conduct cool science experiments.

Sincerely,

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