Dear Families,

The reading specialist team met recently to compile some ideas to keep literacy skills fresh on days off school such as emergency learning days, school breaks, etc. Feel free to use the following ideas and activities as much or as little as you would like. As always, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks!

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**Grades K-1 Reading Skill Choice Board**

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| LEXIA  Utilize your child’s online Lexia account (if he or she has one) to play games which are targeted to best support his or her needs. Email your child’s teacher if you need a copy of the login info. | WRITING JOURNALS  Write daily after reading a story, watching a TV program, playing outside, going on a special family outing, etc. | READ ALOUDS  Read stories to your child even if it is a story, he or she has heard a million times. Hearing adults read aloud provides great modeling for children to help them problem solve difficult words. | EPIC  The Epic app offers a free trial. It is a great resource for accessing children’s books. |
| LETTER FACTORY or TALKING WORDS FACTORY DVDs  These DVDs by Leap Frog Learning are excellent resources for learning letters, sounds, and building words. They can be found on Amazon or clips of them can be found online on YouTube. | HANDWRITING  Work on handwriting as often as you can. Either in workbooks, on writing paper or on apps such as Writing Wizard. Use the link below that stresses the correct verbal path for helping students form letters correctly. | FLASH CARDS  Use flash cards for letters, sounds, sight words, etc. | FUNDATIONS (REVIEW)  For our kindergarten students, see if your child can remember the letter/word/sound cards that they practice each day (i.e., B-bat-/b/, T-top-/t/). We will begin posting review lessons & materials. |
| FAMILIAR/FAVORITE BOOKS  Have children read books that are easy for them. These can include predictable stories such as Dr. Seuss, Pete the Cat, etc. | GAMES  Play board games to encourage oral language. | LETTER/WORD SORTS  Letter and word sorts are a wonderful way to get students to apply their knowledge of letter-sound correspondence. You can use the link below to print out the attached PDFs, have children cut apart the pictures, and sort the pictures into groups by their beginning sound, ending sound, etc. | READING ACTIVITY WEBSITES  There are so many websites that offer access to free trial learning opportunities right now. Here are just a few to Google:  Headsprout  Read Theory  Learn with Homer |

VERBAL PATH FOR LETTER FORMATION from Fountas and Pinnell link (mentioned above under handwriting):

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/waysidees/specials/verbal_letters.pdf>

DR. FRY’s LETTER/WORD SORTS (mentioned above):

<http://twinlakes.ss7.sharpschool.com/for_students/Spelling_Words_Their_Way/Letter_Name-Alphabetic_Sorts>