



Dear Parents,

I hope that this letter finds all of your family well and safe. The people of our country and our little school find ourselves experiencing something none of us ever expected and things are changing every day causing us to adapt and be creative.

So, here we go! Today is the first day that we officially start learning remotely. In the last couple of weeks, I have been posting various activities on See Saw and trying to set up ways in which we can make learning in this unusual times most effective. Let me go over what this will look like.

First, I have sent each of you instructions to connect your child to me through See Saw. I have asked each family to download the [See Saw Class app](#). This is different than the [Family app](#) which allows you to see your child's work/posts. The Class app will allow your child to complete work and send it to me, just like he/she was at school but with the privacy of only seeing his/her posts. Please keep the Family app so that you can still see what your child completes, but he/she will also need the Class app. I have sent a code to you through messaging on See Saw. This is his/her password and it will be needed it to login. I have also posted a short video on See Saw to explain this. Please look for it.

Secondly, I will be having [office hours, Monday to Friday, from 10:00 to 11:30](#). This is when I will be available to talk to parents/students and respond to messages and emails. This will allow parents a time that they know I am available if questions arise or there is a need for support with the lessons. I will check my messages and emails periodically throughout the day as well. This week, I will be attempting to call all the students in my class to check in, say hello, and see how things are going. If you don't hear from me, it is because I was unable to reach you. Please email me at Stephanie.Blair@lkdsb.net because I would love to talk to you and your child.



Finally, I am setting up a schedule for what I will post every day for the students. I understand that every house is not set up the same. Some students have their own device while others have to share. Some families have unlimited internet while others have limited or no access. Some parents are working outside the home and some are working at home. That's okay.

I am setting up a schedule so that you will know what to expect from me. Your child can work at the pace that best suits him/her and your family. I understand that we are not at school and learning will be different.

I am also sending you a page with online resources and programs that you can use to support your child's learning at home. Over the last couple of weeks, I have looked at various programs that have been made available to us and selected a collection that I thought were most beneficial for students. These are available if you are looking for more work for your child than I am sending out every day or just something to keep him/her engaged while at home. I will also post this page on our school website for you to reference later.

Included in this is the website/app for Raz Kids. This is a reading app that will provide leveled books specific for your child. As your child reads a book and answers the comprehension quiz, he/she will earn points. The points allow them to buy things to use on the app. It also allows them to work through the reading level. Once they have read all the books and completed all of the quizzes provided at the level, they will be promoted to the next reading level.

I have set up a class list and a password for every student in our class. I will be sending your child's password through a message in See Saw. Please watch for this. Included with this app is also Headsprout which provides self-paced phonics and comprehension skill lessons. It begins with a set of assessment activities that each child needs to complete before he/she can begin the lessons.

My hope is that students will spend time reading independently every day. This app is available to support students' specific reading level but of course, students can read books that they have at home too! Just keep reading!

Schedule for the Week

On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

- Read Aloud with a follow-up activity
- Math game to play

On Wednesday and Friday

- Phonics lesson and activity
- Social Studies Map clue- What country am I?

Every day

- Math lesson with a follow-up activity
- Writing activity (Day 1: Write it; Day 2: Edit your work. Make it your best!)

Our Beginning Focus:

Math: 3D Shapes

Phonics: Compound words

Reading: Summarizing what we read and Determining what is important

Writing: Checking over our work for capitals, punctuation and spelling

I am sure that there will be many things to figure out over the next few weeks. Don't worry. We will try to solve them together.

I hope that your child has fun learning from home and your family stays safe. I will be talking to you soon.

Mrs. Blair



Learning Websites

Math

Math Prodigy- this is an online game that gives the students math questions to solve and they are awarded points to use while playing the game

-best for skill strengthening

<https://sso.prodigygame.com/game/login>

(username and password required, private, and are already set up through Mrs. Blair)

TVO MPower- this has online games available for different grade levels

<https://mpower.tv.org/#/login/>

(username: Stephanie.Blair@lkdsb.net and password : bulldogs2)

Language

Capstone- this website has a variety of e-books available for students to read. Books are sorted by reading level but are presented within a range (i.e. A-D; E-I)

<https://www.mycapstonelibrary.com/login/index.html>

(username: continue and password : reading)

Raz-Kids and Headsprout- this website has a variety of e-books available for students to read at their assigned reading levels and incorporates reading with earning points to play a game.

<https://www.kidsa-z.com/main/Login>

(username: mrsblair2 and password required, private, and are already set up through Mrs. Blair)

Khan Academy Kids- this a fun and engaging website with a variety of language games to play and is best suited for beginning readers

You will need to download an app to use this game but here is the website with information about it.

<https://learn.khanacademy.org/khan-academy-kids/>

(username: Stephanie.Blair@lkdsb.net and password : funnyfarm) or you can set up your own as it is free

Fluency and Fitness- combines learning language and math with movement.

This website is currently free due to school closures.

https://fluencyandfitness.com/plans/?mepr-unauth-page=1544&redirect_to=%2Fmembership-home%2F

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Combines Language with Science, Social Studies, and Health

National Geographic Kids

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Pebble Go

<https://pebblego.com/free-access-school-closures>

(username: engaged and password : learning)

Brain Pop Jr.

<https://jr.brainpop.com/>

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CBC Kids

<https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/>

Other

Art Hub- a great website for easy, instructional drawing lessons

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

Go Noodle- a fun way to get moving while inside

<https://family.gonoodle.com/>