

Dear Families,

As we are going through these unusual times, we wanted to reach out and let you know that we're still thinking of your children. We hope you and your families are well, and we look forward to getting back to our usual school routine soon. In the meantime, we wanted to share some resources that you and your children could access from home in order to continue developing their reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Try to look at this period as an opportunity to practice English in different ways. In addition to the resources below, children can:

- Write in a journal.
- Create a book! Fold pieces of paper in half and staple them to make a book. Ask your child to write sentences on each page and add his or her own illustrations.
- Read **lots** of books!
- Write a letter to an author/book character/family member.
- Teach a family member how to do something using step-by-step directions.
- Draw and label pictures - and then talk about them.
- Have an 'English only' time during the day, when all family members will practice using English. Make it fun!
- Tell jokes! Humor is a good way to practice a language.
- Play board games. Children use lots of language while playing games.
- MUSIC! Sing songs together.
- Create and perform your own play.

Please continue reading below for resources and suggestions!

Here is a list of suggested resources and activities that you may want to work on with your child to support their language progress at home this week:

Brain Pop Jr.

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

Search for videos on your favorite topics and take the quizzes.

Username: stratfordroad

Password: school

Readworks

Search through texts sorted by grade or topic. Each text includes comprehension questions.

Log-in with your Google account

Starfall - reading practice for early elementary

Students can choose from different reading activities. No login required.

<https://www.starfall.com/h/index.php>

PebbleGo - informational articles, activities, and literacy support.

Students choose a topic to read about.

<https://site.pebblego.com/>

Username: stratfordroad

Password: school

Book Flix

Choose your favorite Fiction and Non-Fiction books and listen to them read aloud.

<https://bookflix.digital.scholastic.com/>

Username: pasadena

Password: school

PBS Kids: Play educational games and watch the videos.

<https://pbskids.org/>

Information on the coronavirus in English, Chinese and Spanish.

<https://www.colorincolorado.org/coronavirus>

Stay healthy, and take good care of yourselves and your families.

Sincerely,

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