

Greetings parents,

First, thank you all for your patience and understanding during this challenging time. The safety, well-being, and health of my second graders and their families are never far from my mind. I believe that the district has done an amazing job communicating information and keeping us all updated on many things, including Distance Learning. As you are aware, I will post daily assignments beginning **Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**. I want to highlight, as per Dr. Kopicki's email, that these assignments are intended to help students stay engaged during the upcoming closure. As well, assignments will focus on review and enrichment and will not be graded. I know each family is unique and facing a variety of different circumstances. Some families will open the Distance Learning plans and devour all the activities and hunger for more while others may feel overwhelmed or may not even have adequate computer access. Please hear me loud and clear: I don't want any family member (including my second graders:) to stress about Distance Learning. As I say in the classroom every day, "Just do your best!" Rest assured that I am here to support you. I will be checking my email frequently, so please don't hesitate to ask me any questions that you may have. As always, I will try to reply as soon as possible. During this challenging time, I also want to invite your second grader to email me if they should need a reassuring message or if they just want to connect with one more person that cares a TON about them.

For those families that are interested, I have been working hard to update my teacher website to include additional resources that may extend and/or enrich Distance Learning plans. I will continue to be on the lookout for great resources that may benefit your second grader. I will be sure to update you if I add any new links to my teacher website. First, my biggest wish is for students to **READ** during the school closure. My focus has been to find as many resources as possible to help students access high interest books/reading materials and post these resources on my teacher website for students to be able to easily access, as needed. Thankfully, many online resources have waived fees for teachers and families during this time. I have weeded through many of them and offered those that I think are the most valuable on my teacher website. You will see that I have separate tabs for fiction and nonfiction online reading. I have also included a tab for *Scholastic Learn At Home*. This website looks fantastic! *Bookflix* (found under my "Fiction Reading Online" tab) is also a fantastic website and I am so happy that they are allowing students free access!

In addition, I have posted some links on my teacher website to some of my favorite math websites. Simply click on the graphic and it will take you to the site. I sent home passwords for all the sites needing one on Thursday. Finally, I included a link to the Jamison Library. This link will lead you to, among other things, Brain Pop Jr. This is a wonderful resource that kids are familiar with and enjoy. Here is a link to sign up for free.

[https://go.brainpop.com/accessrequest?utm\\_source=bp-com&utm\\_medium=internal&utm\\_campaign=coronavirus&utm\\_content=coronavirus](https://go.brainpop.com/accessrequest?utm_source=bp-com&utm_medium=internal&utm_campaign=coronavirus&utm_content=coronavirus)

One last thing, your second graders have grown very fond of checking in on our two panda friends at the National Zoo in Washington, DC, so I included a link to that as well on my teacher website!

I know this is a lot of information. If there is only one thing that you take away from this epic email is that I am here for you (and especially your second grader!) then my goal was met.

Please stay safe, healthy, and have peace of mind.

And remember, we are all in this together. We are Team 108! :)

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