

Family resources for at-home learning

PARENTS & GUARDIANS: As our city and state prepare to take steps to safeguard our communities, we have prepared online resources for at-home learning that students and families may use to maintain learning and further develop skills already taught by classroom teachers. As always, stay up to date with SPS, follow us on social media and download the SPS app for mobile devices.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Guiding Questions for Learning at Home:

- What do you know about sounds, letters, and words? How do we use sounds, letters, and words at home?
- What kinds of books do you like to read? What topics do you enjoy reading about?
- What do you like to write about? Are there stories you haven't finished telling yet? Have you had some special experiences you could write about? What topics do you want to learn more about?

Pick two or more of the following learning opportunities daily:

- Practice learning the meaning of vocabulary words and both meaning and spelling of grade level words
- Help your child determine the meaning of a word when a common prefix (beginning) or suffix (ending) is added to a known word (comfortable/uncomfortable; heat/preheat; care/careless)
- Read a "just right" book, talk about it together using prompts like the ones below:
 - Who is the main character? Would you be friends with him or her? Why?
 - What is the major problem in the story? How did the problem get solved?
 - How does this book remind you of anything you've experienced or read about before?
 - What is the main idea or topic of the book or text? Which details are the most important? Why?
- Write about experiences you have had or would like to have, topics your child knows a lot about or is interested in learning more about with a focus on writing complete sentences, grouping sentences into paragraphs, and elaborating with facts, reasons, and/or details



MATHEMATICS

3-5 math students are currently learning:

- Grade 3 early multiplication within a 100, area and geometry
- Grade 4 addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, geometry and measurement
- Grade 5 multiplying and dividing fractions, whole numbers and decimals, graphing, volume and geometry.

For more specific guidelines by grade level, you can access a parent newsletter (click on Units 4, 5 or 6):

- Grade 3 [Measurement and Fractions, Multiplication, Division and Area & Geometry](#)
- Grade 4: [Addition and Subtraction](#) , [Geometry and Measurement](#) & [Multiplication, Division, Data and Fractions](#)
- Grade 5: [Multiplying, dividing whole numbers and decimals](#), [Multiplying and Dividing Fractions and Graphing, Geometry and Volume](#)
- [Topics for all grade levels](#) including preschool

Additional supports:

- Math Learning Center also has some [free math apps](#) that are supportive of their classroom learning
- [Vocabulary Practice](#)
- Students can work on their personal math learning pathway in Clever using MobyMax. Your child can choose to work in the Math, Fact Fluency or Numbers tiles within MobyMax Math.



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SOCIAL STUDIES

Families are encouraged to discuss and write about how people depend on the environment (for food, water, timber, natural gas etc.), the way people adapt the environment to fulfill their own needs, the way people modify the environment positively or negatively (building structures to live in, drilling holes, building dams, etc.).



SCIENCE

Students can work on their personal science learning pathway in Clever using MobyMax:

- Lessons will begin with Life Science topics and loop back to review other topics already discovered this year
- Families are encouraged to observe and record our natural world: writing and drawing observations about the moon, weather, and types of animals seen in our neighborhoods are good ways for students to stretch their science experience.



FITNESS & HEALTH

There are many creative ways to practice fitness and health at home—try these online resources to get started:

- [Wellness Ideas for Families](#)
- [Health at Home](#)
- [Fitness Calendars for Elementary](#)
- [Tools for an Active Home](#): this source is part of our supplemental curriculum OPENPhysEd and requires a quick and free login. Ideas include activities, wellness tools, Fitness Logs, video links, and cooperative activities for all grade levels.
- All students have access to the Video Library and Fitness Module via WELNET. Log in via Clever or [here](#).



MUSIC

Practice/Play/Listen to music 15-30 at least two times a week. Share with family songs, rhythms, musical concepts you have begun 2nd semester.



ART

- Draw/paint/engage in a craft activity one-two times per week.
- Engage in **Visual Thinking Strategies**: consider looking closely at artwork and writing what you notice is going on in each image using the journals linked here: Grade 3: [VTS](#); Grade 4: [VTS](#); Grade 5: [VTS](#)



ONLINE RESOURCES

Access any of these online resources for free using your students' [Clever badge login](#):

- **ThinkCentral** (Journeys Online): students can read and/or listen to fiction and nonfiction text
- **Lexia Core5**: students can receive explicit and personalized learning for phonics, fluency, and vocabulary
- **MobyMax**: students can learn the skills they need most with this personalized learning pathway
- **DreamBox**: K-8 math program proven to raise student achievement while supporting informed decision making
- **Typing.com**: students can learn how to type in an effective and fun way
- **Starfall & PBS Kids**: both provide kid friendly games, videos, and interactive learning activities
- **iCivics**: students can use games to maintain their civic knowledge and improve core literacy skills
- **Pearson Realize**: students can use the digital version of their textbook to review previous learning