

# 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

**Pick three or more of the following learning opportunities daily:**

- Practice reading and figuring out the meaning of unfamiliar words by paying close attention to parts of words such as, prefixes (beginnings), suffixes (endings), and root words (telegraph, photograph, autograph)
- Read a “just right” book or text, 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 you are interested in learning more about such as a one-page biography about someone you admire with a focus on using words, phrases, and punctuation for effect and multiple paragraphs to elaborate about the topic with facts, reasons, and details
- SpringBoard Digital: students can complete any current or missing assignments, embedded assessments and access Zinc reading lab to learn vocabulary, practice close reading, find articles, and test their own skills using the reading sprints
- Sign up [here](#) to find your next favorite book by reading book reviews and recommendations



## MATHEMATICS

**Help your student stay connected to their learning with these resources:**

- Your student can still access digital resources using Clever through the district homepage
  - Moby Max, Code.org, Khan Academy, Desmos, etc.
  - A Blackboard shell containing resources for your students’ class
- They can access their curriculum digitally [here](#)
- Your student can review guided lessons [here](#)



## SOCIAL STUDIES

Families and students are encouraged to research and write about the ancient civilizations of Greece and Rome; including how each attempted to explain the world and the laws of nature through myths and legends; their important discoveries in science; and how Greece developed democracy, a system in which people govern themselves rather than being ruled by a king.



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## 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 atmosphere and its changes in a day and week is a nice way 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.
- **Band:** Textbook *Tradition of Excellence* by Bruce Pearson & Ryan Nowlin. To access your personal IPS User License code to access play along tracks, go to the back of the book and follow the instruction or click [here](#)
- **Strings:** Textbook *String Basics* by Terry Shade & Jeremy Woolstenhulme. To access your personal IPS User License code to access play along tracks, go to the back of the book and follow the instruction or click [here](#)



## 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 journal linked [here](#)



## 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