First Grade Online Learning Opportunities

At Muddy Brook, we are lucky to have access to several online programs to enhance student learning during an extended break. These activities are suggestions to keep your child engaged, and not required or expected to be returned to school. We are hopeful these programs may help to support families during this extended school closure. Please, let us know if you are having trouble accessing any of these programs.

**Reading:**

- **Epic Books:** This site provides access to digital books for kids. It is free during school hours. You may use our class code to access your student’s account.
  - **Class Codes**
    - Chamberlin - zjt8163
    - Consilvio - ray8022
    - Foster - dyz0859
    - Haskell - lue3146

- **Kids Digital Library:** The public library offers online lending through this site: https://cwmars.overdrive.com/library/kids
  - Simply log on using your library card number and password.

- **Storyline Online:** Storyline Online is available 24 hours a day for children, parents, caregivers and educators worldwide. Each book includes supplemental curriculum developed by a credentialed elementary educator, aiming to strengthen comprehension and verbal and written skills for English-language learners.

- **Circle Round Podcast:** Created and produced by parents of young children, WBUR’s Circle Round adapts carefully-selected folktales from around the world into sound- and music-rich radio plays for kids ages 4 to 10. Each 10- to 20-minute episode explores important issues like kindness, persistence and generosity. And each episode ends with an activity that inspires a deeper conversation between children and grown-ups.

  https://www.npr.org/podcasts/532788972/circle-round

**Math:**

- **Freckle Education:**
  - You and your child can access the program in a couple ways:
1. Access the program online at freckle.com using Google Chrome as your browser, selecting “Student sign in” at the top of the page.

2. Access the program on an iPad with the free app: freckle.com/app

Your child will login using their first and last name as well as our class code.

- Chamberlin - ZWRFNZ
- Consilvio - 3eyevn
- Foster - J3N2HC
- Haskell - HASKEX

**Important**: Please allow your child to work independently and at his or her own pace. Provide encouragement and support, but don’t give away the answers! Our hope is that these programs will enhance student learning in many areas. Students will benefit most from support to learn these new concepts rather than simply being “given the right answer” to move on to a new level.

- **Esti-mysteries**: Engage students in estimation challenges. Click on the link and scroll down the page a bit. You will discover esti-mysteries organized by grade level.


**Science**:

- **Mystery Science** is a wonderful science resource. There are science lessons created for each grade level.

  [https://mysteryscience.com/school-closure-planning](https://mysteryscience.com/school-closure-planning)

**Social Studies**

- **Scholastic News** is a fun resource we use in our classroom. The class code will allow students to see all the different magazine issues. They can read, watch educational videos, and do related activities. Start with the March issues! Log in at the website below by:

  1. Selecting Log in
2. Choosing the “I am a student” option

3. Sign in with your class’s passcode:

- Chamberlin - chamberlin1
- Consilvio - consilvio
- Foster - foster21
- Haskell - haskell

https://sn1.scholastic.com/

Writing:
Encouraging your child to write will help him/her maintain skills learned this year. Any type of writing is encouraged! A few ideas are:

- Journal Writing - Children love to record their daily activities.
- Story Writing - These could be personal narratives (true stories about our lives) or fictional stories.
- Letters - Send letters to family and friends. It will make their day!
- Science Writing - Try a few of the Mystery Science challenges and write about your findings. Better yet - create an experiment of your own and write about it.
- Research Writing - What is something you have always wanted to learn more about? We’d love to share research projects with our class when we return to school.

Creative Writing Journal Prompts are a great way to practice writing and think of creative stories. This website has 30 different prompts for stories, journal entries, and funny questions!

https://www.superteacherworksheets.com/journal-prompts.html