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Dear Fairwold Academy Families,

We know you all have many questions about what the closure of school means for our community and we are working very hard to find the answers. As a reminder, please continue to check your email and voicemail for updates. In terms of our school calendar, make up days, testing, etc., we are awaiting direction from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Please remember that social distancing is extremely important during this time.

If your child is able to access a device at home, below are free online resources that will engage your child in a variety of educational activities.

Khan Academy

This site offers free mathematical reinforcement by grade level. The students may navigate the site for additional practice on previously learned skills and concepts. Families can create free accounts for their children.

- Visit Khan Academy Website: www.khanacademy.org
- Sign up for Khan Academy here:
<https://www.khanacademy.org/signup?continue=%2Fresources%2Fparents-mentors-1>
- Khan Academy Parent and Mentors Start Guide:
<https://www.khanacademy.org/resources/parents-mentors-1>

Scholastic Learning Activities for all grades (Pre-K through 6+)

Visit Scholastic Website: <https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

This site offers special cross-curricular journeys. Every day includes four separate learning experiences, each built around a thrilling, meaningful story or video. Kids can do them on their own, with their families, or with their teachers. Just find your grade level and let the learning begin!

Other Resources

- www.Pbskids.org
- www.starfall.com

- www.kids.nationalgeographic.com
- www.ABCmouse.com/redeem – use code: SCHOOL2568
- www.Play.prodigygame.com
- www.typingclub.com
- www.squigglepark.com
- www.mysterydoug.com

Additional Suggested Activities for Elementary Students

- Reading, or being read to, is an excellent way for children to extend language skills, increase vocabulary acquisition, and gain background knowledge.
- Journaling is a fun way for students to share their knowledge, ideas, and opinions. Journaling can be in the form of drawings, labels, sentences, and paragraphs and easy to adapt for any student K-6.
- Practice Math facts with your students. Single-Digit Addition facts within 20 and Single-Digit Multiplication facts within 100 are most helpful when students work in any area of Math.
- Go on a Math Scavenger Hunt. Take pictures of Math you see around you. Discuss where the Math may be in each picture.
- Play games. Many board games and card games have a Math element to them. Whether you have to add points or make strategic moves, your brain grows with every game.
- Cook with your kids. Having your children help you in the kitchen not only offers the benefit of an extra pair of hands but also involves math. From measuring and sequencing to estimation and multiplication, the kitchen is a real-life school for kids of all ages

Additional Suggested Activities for Secondary Students

- Secondary students are encouraged to continue mastering the content in their courses. Now is a great time to go back and review content that was learned over the course of the year.
- Students should take time each day to read, whether it is a previously assigned text or a text of interest.
- None of the recommended work from these two weeks will be graded, but it is important for students to be academically engaged. There are countless online learning opportunities to explore, make use of your time and enhance your understanding and explore interests!

Sincerely,
Fairwold Academy Leadership Team