

Dear Second Grade Families,

As we all begin this next phase to finish out our Second Grade year, we enter a different format of learning. I know you each have different home environments and work conditions. Your child will benefit most by taking this one day at a time and one task at a time. Don't stress over tasks that are confusing or challenging. Please know you can reach out to me or one of the other teachers with any questions. The main considerations are consistency, encouragement, patience, and a little fun. The three of us suggest that you try to pace the packets at setting aside 20-30 minutes for each subject per day. Those times do not have to be consecutive, you can break them up throughout the day so that it works best for your family.

ONLINE Activities:

Your child will have access to IXL which now has all 4 subjects. It is a multiple choice format of skills for each subject. Students will receive information in this packet on how to login to practice. I have marked skills we have covered in Language Arts. Some of the remaining skills have been discussed but may not have been formally taught, but should be attempted. We suggest 3-4 lessons to 90-100% SMART Score at a time. If your child misses a question, it does have an explanation that you can review with your child. Below is the address to use for logging on:

<https://www.ixl.com/signin/giles>

Essential Skills is another website that we use at school. It looks like your child can access and continue work on their lessons that have been assigned after a pretest this fall. To log in they can use the link on Eastern's homepage or the link below:

<https://online.essentialskills.com//login.php>

My Weebly has lots of links for different activities, videos, and games that the students can enjoy and learn at the same time.

<http://secondgrademrsjones.weebly.com/>

Things to Do:

Teachers on Tuesdays Zoom Meetings at 7PM (download Zoom) & sign up for Remind so you can receive the link for the meetings

Sign up for Remind (instructions enclosed)

Checkout each of the 2nd Grade Teacher's Websites (access from Eastern's homepage)

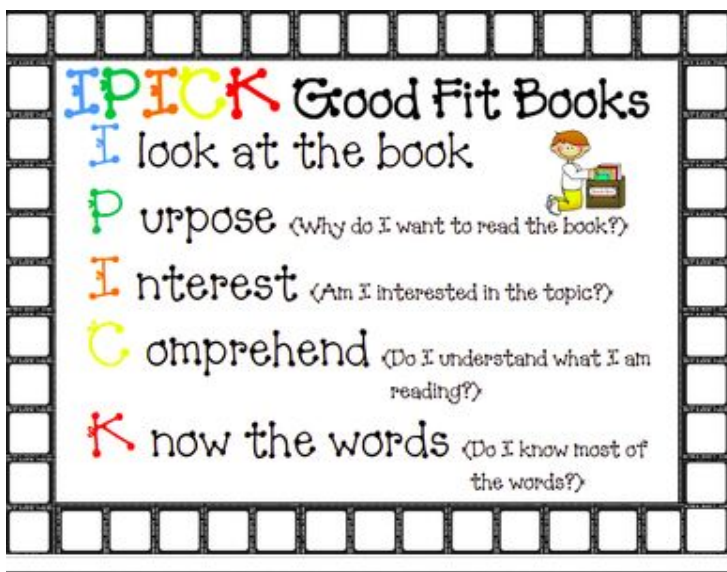
Contact Mrs. Jones with questions: cjones@gilesk12.net or 540-599-5587

I am remiss that we were not able to finish the year with all our regular planned activities. I miss sharing all these activities, lessons, and the end of second grade with the boys and girls. I hope that they are each doing well. Please reach out if you have concerns or questions.

Thanks,
Mrs. Jones

READING ALOUD:

I do still encourage the extra 20 minutes a day of reading aloud after the At-Home learning is completed. This should be a time that you and your child get to just sit and enjoy reading. So, please don't try to fit it in just after you have completed your 'school day'. Let this be a time that you both look for the adventure and fun reading can offer. I have included some reading challenge pages that you can initial and send to me by a picture in Remind or email or bring the completed pages to me when we return to school in the fall. Those who complete the reading challenges will get a treat/prize for each reading challenge page completed (up to 5 treats/prizes). This is to be a time of fun. Let your child pick the book, no reading level restrictions. Below are a few thoughts to keep in mind when they are choosing a book. Also, in the Language Arts packet, there is a wonderful resource for Read Aloud Routine for Story Books. Following these steps will help assist your child in keeping the reading routine and comprehension skills fresh.



Ways to read while libraries are closed and you have no more 'new' books on hand:

I know it is not the same as having a book in your hand, but this is an online site that has read aloud books. No username or password needed.

<https://www.justbooksreadaloud.com/>

This is something new, myON books. Kids can choose books and read online. The username/password is giles/books.

<https://www.myon.com/school/gilescountyreads>

Storyline Online is another good site that students will enjoy. The @sagaftrafound's Emmy-nominated and award-winning FREE children's literacy website where actors read to children. Endorsed by @AFTunion.

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

If you are a Amazon Prime member or have a Kindle Fire, there are lots of free kid digital books to read through that app.