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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Wythe County Public Schools is committed to providing at-home learning experiences for students during the extended division-wide school closing. As a result, Wythe County Public Schools have created an At-Home Learning Resource Plan to ensure the continuation of learning experiences at home.

We have included our plan below so families can understand and support learning at home during our time out of school. Below you will find information about our strategies for supporting your child while at home.

Who: Students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 12th will have the opportunity to participate in at-home learning activities that include a wide variety of learning experiences that can take place at home.

Why: Access to at-home learning supports students' ongoing instructional engagement during our extended division-wide school closing.

What: At-home learning activities provide opportunities for students to replicate learning experiences that would happen if the students were in school. Please see the attached list of at-home resources.

How: Students can work on the various activities at a pace and time that works best for your family.

In an effort to better guide your support at home, WCPS is in the process of creating an At-Home Learning page on our website. WCPS will begin to provide grade and subject specific activities starting Monday, March 23. This site will connect you to our PK-12 student resources and activities for instruction at home. Teachers will add new activities on a weekly basis as long as schools are closed. All high school students participating in dual enrollment courses online through SVETN will proceed with those online courses as normal from home. High school dual enrollment and SWVGS students who had face-to-face classes will need to check their email for instructions on how to transition to online learning to complete any dual enrollment or SWVGS courses. In the meantime, please see the attached Elementary, Middle, and High School resources to use at home.

Students, parents/guardians may email teachers, counselors, and administration for any educational assistance during the extended division-wide school closing. All normal technology platforms will continue to be available to WCPS students, parents/guardians, and teachers.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that instruction continues at home during our time away from school.

Sincerely,

The WCPS Instructional Department

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Ways to Help Your Elementary Child at Home

- 🍎 Read Together - choose a book and take turns reading
- 🍎 Ask Questions - ask about characters, setting, problems, and main idea
- 🍎 Play a board game that requires reading
- 🍎 Have your child find and circle words in printed materials such as a newspaper, magazine, cereal box, etc....
- 🍎 Have your child write letters to their favorite movie character, a relative, or friend
- 🍎 Have your child keep a daily journal while they are learning at home
- 🍎 Have your child make lists of things to accomplish each day
- 🍎 Have your child write and illustrate a story
- 🍎 Play Hangman with your child using spelling words
- 🍎 Teach your child a new word each day
- 🍎 Spell words using blocks, tiles, flashcards, etc....
- 🍎 Have your child write letters to his or her teacher about what they are doing while out of school
- 🍎 Have your child write a letter to a friend describing their favorite movie or game
- 🍎 Have your child write sentences using sight words, cut the words apart and have them reconstruct the sentence
- 🍎 Have your child verbally retell a story to you
- 🍎 Have your child produce words that rhyme
- 🍎 Have your child tell you two, three, and four-syllable words
- 🍎 Have your child discuss meanings of words
- 🍎 Have your child use pictures to make predictions
- 🍎 Have your child practice writing sentences beginning with a capital letter and ending with punctuation
- 🍎 Have your child spell two-syllable words
- 🍎 Have your child create a presentation using oral and written skills
- 🍎 Have your child write step-by-step directions for playing their favorite game
- 🍎 Have your child describe in writing the difference between fiction and non-fiction
- 🍎 Have your child give a speech persuading their audience why they should like a particular thing such as sports, TV shows, ice cream, etc...
- 🍎 Have your child write about learning from home by choosing the audience, purpose, and including details
- 🍎 Have your child write a review of his or her favorite movie using details and descriptions
- 🍎 Have your child write a different ending for a book or movie
- 🍎 Have your child create a travel brochure for a setting in a story
- 🍎 Summarize a favorite book into a comic story for younger children
- 🍎 Explain why students from 100 years in the future will or will not like to read your favorite book
- 🍎 Have your child find shapes and patterns in real life
- 🍎 Have your child measure ingredients for a recipe
- 🍎 Play board or card games that involve counting
- 🍎 Have your child practice counting money using different coins
- 🍎 Have your child survey family members and create a graph using the results
- 🍎 Have your child measure household objects using a ruler, scale, and measuring tape
- 🍎 Compare objects using: tallest, heaviest, longest, smallest, fastest, etc...
- 🍎 Practice telling time with analog and digital clocks
- 🍎 Practice addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts
- 🍎 Have your child make comparisons using height, (taller, shorter), length (longer, shorter), weight (heavier, lighter) and have them describe why
- 🍎 Have our child create patterns using objects

Elementary Online Resources:

www.readworks.org

www.ixl.com

www.prodigygame.com

www.newsela.com

www.scholastic.com/learnathome

<https://worldbookonline.com/wb/products?ed=all&gr=Welcome+Wythe+Co+School+District%21>

Ways to Help Your Middle School Student at Home

- 📖 Read (books, newspaper, articles, magazines – anything!) and write a summary of what you read in your own words.
- 📖 Read aloud to someone else and have them ask you questions about what you read.
- 📖 Choose a current events topic and create a timeline that includes what happens regarding your topic each day.
- 📖 Choose a current events topic and write about your opinion on it.
- 📖 Read and follow directions (put something together, make a recipe).
- 📖 Create directions on how to do everyday things and test them out on your family to see if they can follow the directions you created.
- 📖 Write stories, plays, poems, songs, raps, etc.
- 📖 Create a picture collage about an interest you have, the theme (main idea) of something you read, or about a current events topic.
- 📖 Create a word collage that represents something you have read, experienced or want to learn.
- 📖 Create a wish board that includes your goals for the future – make sure to include steps you will need to take to achieve those goals.
- 📖 Start a daily journal (all writing, all drawing, or a mix).
- 📖 Memorize your multiplication tables.
- 📖 Summarize the plot of a television show or movie.
- 📖 Write a new ending for a television show or movie.
- 📖 Write a review for a television show or movie. Read it to your family and see if they agree.
- 📖 Watch a documentary and make a list of questions you have as you watch. See if you can answer them after viewing the entire program.
- 📖 Design a board game.
- 📖 Ask your parents/guardians to show you how to manage a checkbook, what happens when you take out a loan, explain interest rates, or explain the types of taxes.

Middle School Online Resources:

Achieve3000 Remote Learning (all grades) – students need to create an account. Students who use Achieve at school can use their school account. <https://achieve3000.com/community-resources/remote-learning-2020/>

IXL (English and math) <https://www.ixl.com/signin/wythe>

Discovery Education <https://app.discoveryeducation.com/learn/home>

Quizlet <https://quizlet.com/>

NoRedInk <https://www.noredink.com/>

SOL Pass <https://www.solpass.org/>

BrainPOP <https://www.brainpop.com/>

Newsela <https://newsela.com/signin>

World Book Online <https://worldbookonline.com/wb/products?ed=all&gr=Welcome+Wythe+Co+School+District%21>

Pearson *Students may access their Math and English materials from the Pearson icon on their Google Waffle*

Ways to Help Your High School Student at Home

- 🏠 Read 30 minutes a day
- 🏠 Start keeping a journal
- 🏠 Research your family history calling relatives and conducting an interview
- 🏠 Write letters or send a card to elderly shut-ins
- 🏠 Volunteer for those in need in your neighborhood
- 🏠 Research your career pathway by calling a business and asking to interview
- 🏠 Track a current event
- 🏠 Develop your resume
- 🏠 Make a goal chart or vision board
- 🏠 Follow a recipe and cook
- 🏠 Build something
- 🏠 Exercise on a daily basis
- 🏠 Learn to wash clothes
- 🏠 Write a review of a movie you've watched
- 🏠 Play board games
- 🏠 Play card games
- 🏠 Develop pieces of art such as sculpture, painting, drawings, etc.
- 🏠 Ask your parents/guardians how to manage a checkbook or other finance account
- 🏠 Ask your parents/guardians how to develop a family budget

High School Online Resources:

IXL	https://www.ixl.com/
ALEKS	https://www.aleks.com/k12
Khan Academy	https://www.khanacademy.org/
Newsela	https://newsela.com/signin
Major Clarity	https://platform.majorclarity.com/
HMH	https://www.hmhco.com/coronavirus/at-home-learning-resources
PBS Learning	https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/
World Book Online	https://worldbookonline.com/wb/products?ed=all&gr=Welcome+Wythe+Co+School+District%21
Pearson	Students may access their Math and English materials from the Pearson icon on their Google Waffle