

Hello students and families!!

I miss seeing all of you! I just wanted to let you know that our Kingsbury website <https://www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/17/Content2/learning> is full of amazing links to educational sites and platforms. When technology is not available, there are plenty of off-line activities (along with the packets that can be picked up at school) to keep students engaged in distance learning!

MY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Scheduled times for learning/breaks I suggest trying doing shorter bursts of learning to keep them focused! (anywhere from a few minutes to half hour - depending on their ability to stay focused! 😊) Could set timers/alarms.

Use hands on and/or visual materials! Examples of things that can aid in learning that are hands on include: Letters and numbers: cut out of paper or magazines, magnetics, pictures, counters can be anything from cotton balls to crackers to aid in counting or adding and subtracting... have them make/spell words.. read words or sounds. Visual aids can be any pictures, graphs, white boards, paper... I often google pictures/videos so students can get a visual when discussing new ideas or new words or animals!

Make learning a competition against another child, adult or themselves! Many students really like math competitions doing basic problems... if you want to get the family involved. For reading, students can see how many words they read correct in a minute... do same words from a list or same story for a few days and watch that number (WPM) increase!!

Praise and rewards (rewards can be just a break/walk... to tangible things like toys and candy) Whatever you can do to motivate them! You know them best!

Ideas for Reading/ ELA

Please try to have students reading every day! To you and by themselves! Sounding out words, rereading the same stories to build fluency and confidence is great! If you are reading; ask questions to keep them engaged and thinking about the story, ask for an alternate ending, mostly about, the theme of the story, how characters felt... Have them talk about it, write about, type about it...

Review and practice sounds; consonant, vowels (a-z) and vowel teams (ea,ee,oo,oa,oi,ea,ea...) sounds make and examples of words with that sound. Have them read these words, use them in a sentence verbally or written, and spell

them and words like them. Have students blend words, write words... time them reading a page of these words and try and beat their own words per minute daily!

Ideas for Math

For math, depending on your child's individual level.. Ideas to work on:

Do basic math problems: Addition + Subtraction - Multiplication X

$2+4=$ ____ or $2+$ ____ $=6$ 9 $22+34=$ ____ Then with with regrouping such as $38+56=$

Multiplication such as $7 \times 6=$ ____ and missing numbers $7 \times$ ____ $=42$

(Use groups/arrays/repeated addition/skip counting/number lines...)

All of these can be made into a word problem for an added challenge!

**Please make sure students are doing the recommended times on I-ready and Wonders each week. Classroom teachers will have all log in information.

Feel free to get in touch with me if you have any special education concerns, I will reach out when I know more specifics about our distance learning plans. We know this is difficult time for us parents-but it is also a difficult transition for our kids as well, please be patient with them☺ Thank you for your hard work to keep them learning!

Stay healthy!

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