

October 12, 2020

Hello Kindergarten Families!

Kindergarten Weekly Planner & Learning Log

Here is the [Kindergarten Weekly Planner](#) for the week of October 12-16. We will continue to post these on the [SEP Remote Learning website](#) and send them out by email each week. This is your guide for the week and should be checked daily. We will also post the Weekly Planner in the “Weekly Planner & Choice Board” portion of Google Classroom. Don’t forget to check Google Classroom each day as well!

Parent -Teacher Conferences

We will be holding parent- teacher conferences virtually in October. We will send out a quick survey for you to complete BEFORE your conference to better help us prepare and make the most of the short amount of time we have. Conferences will be scheduled in 20 minutes time slots on the following days:

⌘ Wednesday, October 14 1:30-4:00 ⌘ Thursday, October 15 1:30-7:30
⌘ NO ZOOM MEETINGS Friday, October 16th due to all day staff development ⌘
⌘ Tuesday, October 20 1:30-8:00 ⌘ Wednesday, October 21 1:30-4:00

Tips for Remote Learning

Please take a look at these [tips](#) from Amy Anderson, our remote school counselor & district At-Risk Coordinator.

Warm Kids, Warm Hearts [Flyer](#)

Cold winter weather is approaching soon! Do you need assistance with warm clothing for your kids? Do you have new or gently used items you would like to donate? Read below for more information:

- Each year, the Altoona PTA partners with the Winter Warmth Drive to collect donations of new and gently used coats, snowpants, boots, etc. for students in need of assistance. The attached flier provides more information about the drive and where you can find a donation site if you have clothing to donate.
- If you need assistance getting winter clothing for your children, you can fill out this [Sign-Up Form](#) with your school-age children's needs and size information. The organizers do their best to find all of the requested sizes, but it is not always possible to fill every request, depending on the amount and type of donations received.
- When we have items available for your family, a school counselor will contact you to arrange to pick up the clothing at one of our SEP school buildings.

If you have questions, you can contact your student's home building school counselor or Amy Anderson, At-Risk Coordinator, at amy.anderson@southeastpolk.org or 515-957-3444.

Lexia Core5 Reading

Please have your student start using Lexia. Lexia Core5 Reading is a technology based literacy program that provides differentiated literacy instruction for students of all abilities. It helps students master foundational reading skills and is highly interactive for all types of learners. We will begin having your child login and use Lexia this week. Once you login, the program will have your child take an assessment to place them at their own level. It is important that you do not help your child with Lexia or it may not place them in the correct level. After the assessment, students will be given a weekly goal of how many minutes to complete in a week. Again, it is important that your child works without any help while using Lexia. All of their work is recorded and guides us to see where help is needed for additional instruction. Here is a short [video](#) demonstrating how to log into Lexia Core5.

If it asks for the teacher email simply put in your homeroom teacher's email:

Mrs. McGrane: tammy.mcgrane@southeastpolk.org

Mrs. Williams: lisa.williams@southeastpolk.org

Username: Use the students' five digit student number

Password: sepram + first initial + last initial (this is the same password they use for logging into their school account)

Audio & Microphone Issues on the Chromebooks

Please make sure to keep your Chromebook operating system up to date by doing the following:

1. Video 1 is the process involved to update the Chromebook operating system. [Here is](#) the 90 second video.
2. Video 2 is how to adjust the microphone volume. [Here is](#) a 47 second video. They have found 50% mic volume is good but this might vary depending on the model of Chromebook. Full mic volume creates a lot of crackly, staticy noise as has been reported.

Materials

Please have your supplemental materials ready! We will be using these materials at every learning block, so it is important that you have picked them up from your home school. Also, we have switched to using Volume 1 in our [Go Math Books](#).

Announcements

- If your Chromebook is having any issues, please fill out this [form](#)
- No School on Friday, October 16th due to staff development for teachers
- End of the first quarter is Friday, October 30th

Mrs. McGrane & Mrs. Williams

