

Dear Elementary MIPA and FLS Families,

As has been communicated by APS, we are preparing to ensure all students have access to instructional materials during the upcoming school closure due to coronavirus (COVID-19). We know our MIPA and FLS program students do their best with consistency and routine, so we have created the list below to include general strategies, resources and online curriculum you can access from home.

- *What you can do now:*
 - *Know your child's login information*
 - *Practice logging in to ensure you can access each resource before you need it*
- *If schools are closed:*
 - *Keep a regular sleep schedule*
 - *Set learning schedule for each day*
 - *Schedule breaks throughout each day*
 - *Find time to engage in technology-free activities*

Online Curriculum:

The Unique Learning System provides accessible content across the curriculum. It is a comprehensive, evidence-based curriculum that provides differentiated lessons and activities for students. These are aligned to Virginia's aligned standards of learning and span across the curriculum (Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies).

While the curriculum is accessible to teachers in an online, subscription format, students are able to access their lessons, books and activities at his/her level through Student View. In addition to the online, interactive format, lessons and materials are also available in print.

- *Students' teachers will share students' Student View login information with parents.*
- *Students have access to RAZ kids. Teachers will share login information with parents.*
- *Additional/alternative materials may be provided by your child's classroom teacher.*

The current Unit for March (Physical Science) is Light & Sound (Unique Learning System).



Families are reminded to use the free Google Translate app to help with the translation of any resources listed below. Additionally, if your child's teacher uses SeeSaw, translation services are available through that app as well.

Online Resources:

PebbleGo!: Access through the following: <https://arlington.mackinvia.com>

“A curricular content hub specifically designed for K-3 students. Packed with informational articles, ready-made activities, and literacy supports for students of all abilities, it boosts engagement and fosters independent learning in core subject areas.” Includes ebooks and audiobooks, links to supplemental videos, and some printables (eg., questions for understanding, suggested activities).



Student login with APS onelogin/password

Some available titles to supplement the Unique Unit on Light & Sound (some with the option to listen/read in Spanish):

Investigating Light, Light and its Effects, The Science of Color: Investigating Light, Experiments with Light, Experiments with a Flashlight, All about Light

Investigate Sound, Experiments with Sound, Adventures in Sound with Max Axiom, How Sound Moves, All about Sound, Understanding Sound, Discover Sound

RAZ Kids: <https://www.raz-kids.com/>



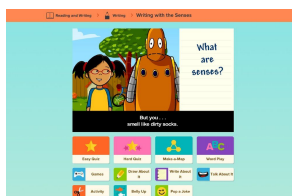
Levelled readers that are accessible to print or read from a mobile device (Ipad, computer) with corresponding quizzes and comprehension checks. Interactive tools and response questions promote writing connections. Both non-fiction and fiction texts are available, many of which are in Spanish and/or French.

Video (at-a-glance): <https://www.learninga-z.com/site/resources/videos/raz-kids-at-a-glance>

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

Offering free access for the next 30 days. On the site, sign up with an email address and they will send you an access key code.



BrainPop is a group of educational websites with over 1,000 short animated movies for students in grades K-12, together with quizzes and related materials, covering the subjects of science, social studies, English, math, engineering and technology, health, and arts and music.

ULS supplemental activities (examples)

Light <https://www.brainpop.com/science/energy/light/>

Sound <https://www.brainpop.com/science/energy/sound/>

Starfall: www.starfall.com



Starfall.com® is a free public service to teach children skills in the areas of literacy and math. Starfall's emphasis on phonemic awareness, systematic sequential phonics, and common sight words in conjunction with audiovisual interactivity has proven effective in teaching emergent readers. Starfall activities are research-based and align with Individual and Common Core State Standards in English language arts and mathematics. The program emphasizes exploration, play, and positive reinforcement—encouraging children to become confident and intrinsically motivated. Starfall is an educational alternative to other entertainment choices for children and is especially effective for special education, homeschooling, and English language development (ELD, ELL, ESL). It is widely used in schools that serve children with special needs and learning difficulties.

BoardmakerGo: <https://goboardmaker.com/collections/boardmaker-activities-to-go>



Boardmaker has recently published a collection of free, leveled, printable resources that are readily available to families. There are ten units including Living Things, Human Body, Community and Space. Each unit contains leveled books, vocabulary lessons, games and a recipe or craft with visual supports. Links for each individual lesson are available at the web address above. The lessons are free but you must go through the checkout process and then download the files.

Tynker: <https://www.tynker.com/>



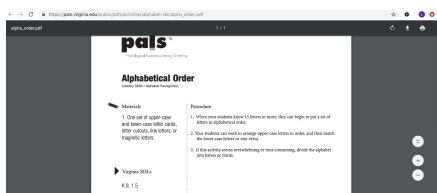
A fun, easy way to build coding skills. The website offers self-paced learning for students ages 5+. It will be available for free access at home. Students learn computer programming in an engaging, online manner. Self-paced learning for all experience levels (eg., intro to coding, block coding tutorials, game design, robotics, etc.).

BookFlix! <http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/bookflix/#/>



Able to be accessed with an Arlington County Library Card. Educational topics can be explored through online storybooks. Students are able to listen to a story, read a related non-fiction book, solve puzzles and “meet the author”. It is designed for ages pre-K-3rd grade. Click on the bookflix link and enter library card information.

PALS Activities: <https://pals.virginia.edu/public/tools-activities.html>



Activities that focus on building students’ literacy skills and phonological awareness. Activities include letter identification and sound, comprehension, rhyme, beginning sounds, spelling, and blending. Activities can be used with a variety of elementary grade levels and ages.

Florida Center for Reading Research Student Center Activities:

https://fcrr.org/resources/resources_sca.html



Free literacy-based activities for students in grades Pre-K-5 that focus on the following areas: letter identification and sound, rhyming, emergent writing, phonological awareness, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary. Multiple activities and games are included for each of these areas.

Tarheel Reader Exemplar Texts: <https://www.dlmpd.com/exemplar-text-supports/>



Tar Heel Reader (<http://tarheelreader.org>) is a very large library of open-source, accessible, texts for individuals with disabilities of all ages. Tar Heel Reader was started as a way to address the extreme shortage of easy-to-read books on topics that appeal to older students. Books are contributed to the site by teachers, students, parents, and others from around the world.

Because these books are developed for all age levels some may be inappropriate for younger readers. Reviewers do their best to make sure these books are marked with the CAUTION. As a result, students should NOT be sent independently to the Tar Heel Reader site. They should be sent to collections or sets of favorites that teachers create using the tools built into the site.