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HORIZONS' NEWSLETTER

WE'RE "VIRTUALLY" STILL TOGETHER!!

EARLY LEARNING CORNER

MRS. CHERYL

(PREK - GRADE 2)

Hello, kiddos and families! I hope you have been enjoying the early learning videos that are being uploaded to our channel. Teachers and assistants have been working hard to make sure you have lots of choices and lots of fun as you practice your skills.

This upcoming week in Pre-K math, we will continue touch counting our numbers from 1-10 as well as comparing objects by using vocabulary bigger/smaller, longer/shorter, taller/shorter. In reading, we are going to add on to our alphabet practice from last week by practicing the sound of each letter. Be on the lookout during Story Time for a special guest!

Please send me pictures of you watching videos, practicing the skills, or just having fun at cheryl.horizons@gmail.com.

MS. OLIVIA

Hey, Hey Kindergarten Families!

The Kindergarten Korner is the right place to be for our smart cookie friends. I hope ALL of you had a great first week with the start of Horizon's virtual. I am so excited to share with you about what will be posted this week on the YouTube Channel. Each week, our friends are going to be challenged with creativity and skill. This week I have thrown together different skills that will fit the needs of each child! Are you ready to see what is coming? Drum Roll Please!!!!

This week, there will be three videos posted on the YouTube Channel. One being math, one being reading, and one being an online screen-o-matic about how to use ABCya. Our main focus with math is using our numbers between 10 and 20. Specifically understanding each number than showing that number with our bears or stars. Our reading and writing skill introduced is based on our sight words, we will READ, SAY, and WRITE our sight words!

Let's get crafty friends!!! As an arts craft, we will be using our construction paper, glue, scissors, and our

crayons to make our own capital letters. Our friends will use their first letter in their name and create the letter in construction paper. After you create the letter, cut it out, and decorate it based off of an object that has that matches your letter! For example, Ms. Olivia, I would use O and make it look like an octopus! Super super fun, right? Send me a picture of your crazy, cute letters to olivialewishorizons@gmail.com. I would LOVE to see the creativity, let's shine! Stay smart, healthy, and have fun!

Click this link for [ABCYA Marble Math](#)

MRS. BREANNA

I am so excited for another week of Horizons! This week we are going to be looking at math and some fun things we can do with math! We will work on counting, some addition and subtraction, and how to group different objects. We are going to be playing some games and maybe even learning something new and fun. Hopefully, you are enjoying the box you received with all your supplies and maybe even had a chance to start reading a good book. I have enjoyed making the videos for this week and I hope you enjoy watching them. If you get a chance, go outside, and play with some friends and family. Have fun!

MR. BRAYDEN

Happy 2nd week of Horizons! This week, we will be looking for the main point when reading non-fiction text. To review alphabetical order, we will be organizing some spices in my kitchen (I hope you try to do the same in yours)! We will review vowels with the fun game Dungeon Dash on ABCya.com and I will show you how to do some creative writing with Story Starters! Finally, we will be reading the story "The Good Egg" to learn about the importance of self-care.

Keep up the great work and make sure you are playing outside or taking some walks!



THIS WEEK'S VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

SEATTLE AQUARIUM

The Seattle Aquarium is the ninth largest aquarium in the U.S. by attendance and among the top five paid visitor attractions in the Puget Sound region. Puget Sound is a sound of the Pacific Northwest, an inlet of the Pacific Ocean, and part of the Salish Sea. The Seattle Aquarium has hosted over 27 million visitors and provided marine conservation education to two million school children. We're proud to be accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Pacific Ocean on your 30 minute guided tour.

[Seattle Aquarium Virtual Field Trip](#)

INTERMEDIATE NEWS

(GRADE 3 - GRADE 5)

MR. NIVEK

I'm thrilled that we are one week in to our Math Curriculum in grades 3-5! Hopefully you enjoyed our around the world Multiplication Math Game!! This week we will explore place value!



MS. MARISA

Hello Horizons!

This week, our science and social studies theme was crabbing! This popular activity has a rich history that is directly associated with the ecosystem that the Chesapeake Bay provides us with. We featured a tutorial on how to crab with a line and chicken necks, a lesson on the history and economic benefits of crabbing, and a discussion on ecosystems. I am very excited for what's in store for us next week!

MRS. RONNIE

Hello Horizon Friends at Home! Hope you all enjoyed your first week! 😊

Last week you were introduced to the One School One Book "Stone Fox" 🐶...our very own Mrs. Kristin was the guest reader. Also, Mrs. Kristin created an amazing video introduction of the book on the Horizon's website...if you haven't seen it yet...check it out!

Also, you were given an introduction to the 'Mood Meter' and the concept of Adjectives.

Things to look forward to this week...I will be sharing videos demonstrating:

- *Reviewing One School One Book... "Stone Fox". We will go over the setting, mood, and pre-reading questions that I gave you last week related to the book. I will prep you for chapter 2, with pre-reading questions for next week's guest reader of "Stone Fox".
- *Strategies to deal with emotions appropriately, using the Mood Meter.
- *How to read aloud with expression and gain deeper understanding by "reading between the lines".

UNTIL NEXT TIME... 😊

MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA

(GRADE 6 - GRADE 8)

STEM WITH MR. CARTER

What a great first week of summer at Horizons! Let's continue to make the most of this summer! This upcoming week look out for videos about pirates of the Chesapeake Bay, sunken ships in the Chesapeake Bay, the open wall murals in Baltimore, as well as the Harriet Tubman Byway and Frederick Douglass National Historic Site. Let's have a great week!

READING AND WRITING WITH MS. MARY

This week in Language Arts we reviewed how to select a book, why writing is an important communication skill, and began to look at metaphors.

MATH WITH MR. MIKE

This week at the middle school level we will explore: Students begin to use properties of arithmetic operations systematically to work with numerical expressions that contain whole-number exponents. Students also are introduced to variables and variable expressions, and then go on to identify and generate equivalent numerical and variable expressions. This work helps lay a foundation for writing and solving equations, which involves the ability to write, read, and evaluate expressions in which letters stand for numbers.

Video 1: Introduction Numerical Expressions

Video 2: Combining Like Terms_ Zombie Math

Video 3: Combining Like Terms_ With a Deck of Cards

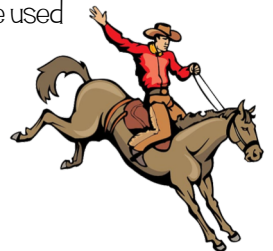
Video 4: Combining Like Terms_ Math vs Monsters

Video 5: Operations with Variable Expressions_ Manipulatives



STONE FOX - THE RODEO?

In chapter 1 of "Stone Fox", Little Willy mentions the things that he and grandfather like doing together. One of the things he mentions is the Rodeo! Have you ever heard of a Rodeo before? Rodeos are a competitive sport that came about so cowboys could show off their skills at "breaking", or training wild horses so they could be used for ranch work. The competitor will climb onto a horse while it is held in a small enclosure. When the rider is ready, the enclosure opens and the horse works hard to buck off the rider. The rider tries to stay on the horse for EIGHT SECONDS without being bucked off! And, they can only hold on to the horse with one hand! Have any of you been to a rodeo before?



KEEPING IT HEALTHY WITH NURSE CHRISTA

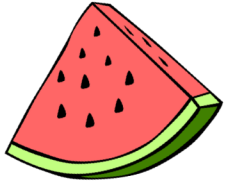
Hi there!

As summer brings on the heat and humidity, it is very important to stay hydrated!

TIPS TO HELP YOUR KIDS STAY HYDRATED!

- * Pack a water bottle for play time and when you go out. Try a frozen water bottle in summer.
- * Encourage your child to drink water before, after and during physical activity.
 - * Always offer water with meals and snacks.
- * Encourage your child to drink water, even if they don't like it!

Sodas and juice really don't count.. They are essentially empty calories and don't provide true hydration. Please keep them to a minimum.



EATING WATERMELON IS A GREAT WAY TO HYDRATE! POPSICLES TOO!!!



WARNING SIGNS OF DEHYDRATION

Not sure if your child is dehydrated? One of the easiest ways to tell is by checking the color of their urine. If it looks clear or pale yellow, then they are drinking enough water. But if the urine is a darker yellow or an amber color, then it's time to hydrate.

Other warning signs of dehydration can include:

- Bad breath
- Decreased amount of urine
- Dry mouth and swollen tongue
- Sluggishness and fatigue
- Sugar cravings

And if your child is feeling any of the following more severe dehydration symptoms, seek medical attention right away:

- Confusion
- Dizziness
- Fainting
- Heart palpitations



NEWS FROM THE "OFFICE"

LET'S TALK "CITIZENSHIP"

This week we are discussing the pillar of "citizenship". Being a good citizen means that you are an upstanding member of your community, state, and country. What have you done in the past that makes you a good citizen? What types of things can you continue to do? At the end of this week we celebrate Independence Day. This is a day where we recognize and commemorate our freedom! As you listen to our lessons this week, think about ways you can be better citizens! Be sure to follow along in our Let's Talk Lessons under our **Enrichment Channel** on YouTube!



READING NOOK WITH MISS DANIELLE AND MISS LAURA

With Miss Danielle we are going to explore our Kiwi Co Kit and keep practicing our foundational reading skills. Keep using the mood meter as well. If you have any questions or photos to share please email me at danielle.vacek@qacps.org.

In Miss Laura's class this week we will continue to work on short vowels, focusing on short vowel "i". In the younger grades, we will take a look at digraphs! We also will read a classic story: Black Beauty. We will focus on how to write a Haiku, and read a book on kindness!

USEFUL LINKS

["Horizons' at Home" YouTube Channels](#)
[ABCya.com](#) - Educational Games
[Khan Academy](#) - Math Resources
[GoNoodle](#) - Movement/Mindfulness
[PBSkids](#) - Fun and Educational Games and Videos
[NatGeo Kids](#) - STEM fun
[Kent County Public Library](#) - Rent FREE Kindle Books

UPCOMING EVENTS

OSOB CHAPTER TWO - "LITTLE WILLY"	06/29
OSOB CHAPTER THREE - "SEARCHLIGHT"	07/01
VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP - SEATTLE AQUARIUM	07/02

KINDLE TRICKS

- For a video on how to add the YouTube app to your Kindle, [click here](#).
- If you have an Amazon Prime account, [click here](#) to browse their FREE children's ebooks!



IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!!

This week we celebrate:
MISS BREANNA
ZAHYA THOMAS
MR. MALIK

Don't forget to send us pictures of your children participating in "Horizons at Home"! Use the email below:
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