

Dear AC-T Families,

Our hope is that you have started to adjust at home during our state-mandated quarantine. We have had the opportunity to connect with most students and families during our weekly Zoom meetings and we invite everyone to join if you haven't been able to already. It has been so nice to be able to see everyone's faces and watch the excitement of the students when they have had the opportunity to "see" their classmates.

Weekly Zoom Classroom Meetings:

Wednesday - 1st Grade @ 1:00 - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/106232466>

Wednesday - 4th Grade @ 2:00 -

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/398290466?pwd=c1FLQXBzUDFpZHIIWTRobnBnZWVJZz09>

Thursday - 3rd Grade @ 11:00 - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/862525732>

Thursday - 2nd Grade @ 1:30 - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/283252343>

Thursday - Kindergarten @ 5:30 - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/557341342>

Thursday - Preschool @ 6:00 - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/695028134>

Friday - 5th Grade @ 10:00 - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/398039763>

Friday - 6th Grade @ 1:00 - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/948055467>

Free school lunches are waiting on approval from the state to start free meals. As soon as we are approved, we will start the meal service. Since AC-T doesn't typically serve summer lunches the approval process is taking a little longer than some surrounding districts as nearly every school in the state is wanting the approval. These meals are provided for anyone who is 18 years or younger. There are no requirements or paperwork for the families to have a FREE meal. Our plan will be to use the following schedule.

Monday - 2 lunches (lunch for Monday and Tuesday)

Wednesday - 1 lunch (lunch for Wednesday)

Thursday - 2 lunches (lunch for Thursday and Friday)

We will run our bus routes for any families who live on a route that would like to have lunches delivered. For those in Albert City, please stop by the north entrance of the school (by the 5th-grade classroom) to pick up a meal or meet at the bus stop on the south side of town by the Covenant church at approximately 11:30. We will only deliver to families on the bus routes that we have indicated that they would like meals. We will make arrangements with bus families for the drop off point. *We remind our families to only send family members who are healthy and to practice social distancing. Unfortunately, we won't be able to give hugs or high fives during this time, just the opportunity to give you a meal.*

Distant learning opportunities

We've included links and information about some great options for our students to continue learning at home. Please know that these resources are purely a guide to keeping children engaged in learning and are not required by the district.

We are continuing our Teacher vs Student Reading Challenge. All students should continue keeping track and recording their minutes. Please send those minutes weekly to your classroom teacher or to Ms. Dirks at adirks@albertct.k12.ia.us. When we return to school we will see who the winners are! A good recommendation during this time off of school is to encourage your child to read for an hour throughout the day (in small chunks throughout the day based on the age of the child). This could include eyes on text or listening to text. If you are in need of some online books and different activities a good website to check out is <http://www.iowaaea.org/about/iowa-aea-online/> . All AC-T students can use the same username and password.

Username: 50510ac

Password: plaea8

Check out what the teachers' created with the help of Mrs. Irwin to encourage our students to continue reading. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EnyKVyJPY9A>

The follow websites and suggestions have been supplied by classroom teachers with things that students might already have used in their classroom, or ideas to engage children while at home.

Preschool - www.pbskids.org, www.starfall.com, www.abcmouse.com

Another idea is to find familiar songs that your child can sing along to. Some favorite songs of the preschool students are "I'm Going on a Bear Hunt", the peanut butter and jelly song, "Down by the bay", and "Baby Shark" among others. Singing and dancing are a great way to build language skills and have fun while doing it! Search Dr. Jean on www.youtube.com if you'd like other songs or ideas for the actions.

Card and dice games included in your game night packet

Our Early Child Consultants from the AEA put together the following resources and a video.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1OJFznXX5UGU1-OZ5h2QBqDUvs0Y5IPN1>

Kindergarten - www.pbskids.org, www.starfall.com, www.abcmouse.com www.lexiacore5.com

To login to Lexia use your teacher's email address (tfrederick@albertct.k12.ia.us) and then your child's first initial and full last name (For example: svoyles) and the password is 1234.

Have students continue to write their numbers to 20 and practice writing their name are both important skills. Also, encouraging children to write complete sentences to describe their drawings is appropriate.

Board Games you have at home

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1st Grade -

Websites:

Lexia— teacher email: hjohnson@albertct.kj12.ia.us

Epic

Seesaw - Mrs. Johnson will be adding information to the Seesaw page with different activities including some stories to read

ABC Mouse

Card Games that 1st-grade students know how to play:

Go Fish -Make 10

Make 10 Memory

Addition War

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Check out Mrs. Johnson's First Grade on Facebook

2nd Grade -

Second-grade students should know their usernames and passwords for:

Lexia - teacher email: khuskamp@albertct.k12.ia.us

Freckle

SpellingCity

Prodigy

Epic

Seesaw - Mrs. Huskamp has shared information about connecting as a student.

Board games you have at home

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Check out Mrs. Huskamp's 2nd Grade

3rd Grade -

Websites:

Lexia - teacher email: rspragg@albertct.k12.ia.us

Board Games you have at home

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Check out Mrs. Spragg's 3rd Grade Hurricanes on Facebook and check the mail as she has sent some activities to students.

4th Grade -

Websites:

Lexia - teacher email: adirks@albertct.k12.ia.us

Moby Max

Prodigy

Xtramath

Night ZooKeeper

Storia

Spelling City

Legends of Learning

Ms. Dirks send a message to each family with the students' login information

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*Check out Ms. Dirks' 4th Grade Hurricanes Facebook page - she has been uploading activities and has been recording the class read-aloud book.

5th Grade

Websites:

Xtramath

Night ZooKeeper

Moby Max

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Check out AC-T 5th Grade Facebook private page for more activities and a place for the students to connect.

6th Grade

Websites:

Google Classroom

Xtramath

Night Zookeeper

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Music

Mrs. Davis has added some options for the students on her website

<http://www.albertct.k12.ia.us/mrs-anna-davis>

**Unfortunately, at this time, they are canceling Honor Choir.

Art

If you'd like to work on some art skills there have been many students who have been enjoying the Mo Willems videos that he is posting daily. Check them out at

<https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems/>

PE

There are many free resources with different activities, but getting out for a walk or a bike ride is a great way to get some physical exercise. Remember to continue to stay away from others while out and about. One PE teacher has started to record videos of different lessons and his first lesson is about dancing. Pick up right where Mrs. Baxter left off!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pDTpdOEsgAc>

Go Noodle is another great site that can be found online that the students would be familiar with.

Guidance

It is very important that while we are away from each other and not to be together that you find ways to ensure that you are taking care of your mental health. Some people find that journaling is a good stress reliever. Starting a journal might also be a good way to remember how you were feeling during this historic time.

Technology

Hourofcode.com

Abcya.com

All students are encouraged to write letters to each other, their teachers and staff members as well as the local nursing homes. The Albert City Nursing Home has information on the website on how to send an email and their address. <http://www.pvhalbertcity.com/>

Please reach out if there is anything that we can help with or if you have any questions.

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