

## Dear First Grade Families,

During this time of at-home learning, we suggest students set aside time each day to practice academic skills. Please remember that these activities are optional, not mandatory.

### Suggested Options:

(if you need any log-in information, please send a message to your child's teacher)

- **ESpark** (20 min. math and 20 min. reading): This is a program that the students work on each day at school.

[www.esparklearning.com](http://www.esparklearning.com)

- **Raz Kids** (20 min/day): remember to **listen, read** and **take a quiz** on *one book* before you move on to the next book. Earn stars and reward yourself in the Star Zone!

[www.raz-plus.com](http://www.raz-plus.com)

- **BrainPop Jr.:** You can create a free account. This website shows the children a short video on a topic and offers several follow-up activities to that topic.

[Jr.brainpop.com](http://Jr.brainpop.com)

- **Writing:** Have your child keep a journal at home. They can choose the following writing topics...

*a.) Narrative Writing:* Write about an event in your life. It could be about going on a family vacation, to simply playing a game at home. Remember to use transitional words (First, Next, Then, Last).

*b.) Opinion Writing:* Write your opinion on a particular topic (what's the best pet to have, do you like broccoli, what's your favorite movie?). Remember to list reasons for your opinion.

*c.) Informational Writing:* Teach us about an informational topic you know about or research something you want to learn more about.

- **Oral Reading/Fluency Building:** Read aloud to someone each day.

Thank you for supporting learning at home.

We hope that you and your family are safe and healthy at this time of uncertainty in our community. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions. We look forward to seeing you again after Spring Break! We miss you already!

**Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Uhse**