



Optional Learning Activities to Support Library / Technology Learning at Home

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Here is a list of activities for your child to explore during their time at home. In addition, your child may have brought home books from the school library or from their classroom. Please know there will be no library fines for any books that may come due during this period. We do ask that you help your child find a safe place to keep their books. Due to the extended time, it is easy to lose track of them.

If you would like to see what your child has checked out, directions for logging into their library account are here: <http://www.mead354.org/apps/pages/MyLibrary>. You will find contact information for your child's library teacher here as well. We have also included an additional list of activities to keep your child's reading and technology skills growing. If you have any questions about your child's account or you need help logging in, please contact your child's library teacher or the District Librarian, Trish Henry.

Brentwood: Stephanie Feist
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Midway: Lisa Fairbanks Rossi
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Colbert: April Schober
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Prairie View: Rachel Peters
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Evergreen: Jenn Wheeler
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Shiloh Hills: Cindie Gaither
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Farwell: Nancy Phillips
nancy.phillips@mead354.org
[Class Website](#)

District Librarian
6GC, Middle Schools and High Schools: Trish Henry
trish.henry@mead354.org

Meadow Ridge: Joy Miller
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Reading Tips

- Read with your child every day.
- Discuss what your child is reading.
- Audiobooks and ebooks are available online from the Spokane County Library. Hearing stories helps with comprehension.
- Get caught reading!
- Let kids choose what they want to read. Graphic novels, comic books, cereal boxes...
- Read, Read, Read!

Typing/Keyboarding

- Practicing keyboarding helps students navigate the computer keyboard more efficiently. Consider setting aside time for your child to practice their keyboarding skills.

Coding

- “Everybody in this country should learn to program a computer, because it teaches you how to think.” Steve Jobs
- Coding is writing a set of instructions for a computer. Learning how to code sets students up for success in a rapidly developing digital world.

Check our website for science activities, links to online reading, coding, keyboarding and more.

<http://www.mead354.org/apps/pages/MyLibrary> or choose from this checklist of activities:

Reading Challenges

- Read aloud to someone older or younger
- Read a book about a real person
- Read a nonfiction book
- Write a book review in Follett
- Listen to an audiobook
- Read a magazine (print or online) from the library
- Make a recipe you found in a cookbook
- Read a Capstone interactive book*
- Read a PebbleGo article on a topic of your choice*

*Use the web link above to find the login directions for Pebblego and Capstone.

STEM Challenges

- Use only paper and tape to create a structure that will hold a heavy book. It must be able to stand on its own.

- Create an instrument you can play.
- Create a barrier that will keep a sponge dry when water is poured around it.
- Build a machine that can move an item from one end of the table to another.
- Build a bridge that is at least 12 inches long. It should be able to support at least 10 pennies.
- Design several ramps to make a toy car travel slow, slower, and slowest.
- Create a way for the “penguin egg” to stay on the top of both feet as you waddle across the room.
- Create a home that is best for an imaginary animal. What makes it the best home for this animal?
- Create a paper airplane that will hold the most “cargo” while gliding more than 8 feet in the air.
- Create flower petals (hint: start with a clean coffee filter). Find a way to spread color throughout each petal without coloring the whole petal with markers.
- Create a trap to catch a leprechaun.