



Conte West Hills Magnet School:
A School of Exploration and Innovation

First Grade News

Hello First Grade Parents!

We would like to thank you for your constant support and dedication to your child's learning and progress. We hope everyone is at home and taking precautions to stay happy and healthy during these uncertain times. Though we are not in school, we are still here to guide your child's learning and assist with anything you may need.

--Mrs. Adams, Ms. Huot, and
Ms. Parker

We are here for you!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher with questions, concerns, to check-in, or just to say hello! We are available Monday-Friday from 9:30-3:30.

- Mrs. Adams is best reached at any time through ClassDojo or through e-mail at cynthia.adams@new-haven.k12.ct.us
- Ms. Huot is best reached through ClassDojo or through e-mail at diane.huot@new-haven.k12.ct.us
- Ms. Parker is best reached through e-mail at kimberly.parker@new-haven.k12.ct.us

Learning at Home Websites

BrainPopJr.- Engaging educational videos for all students.

Visit: BrainPopJr.com or download the BrainPOP Jr. Movie Of The Week app.
Username: conte? Password: conte?

Lexia- Literacy intervention. If your child uses a Lexia account at school, they can access their account at home! Visit: LexiaCore5.com or download the Lexia Core5 Reading app. Please contact your child's teacher for log-in information.

XtraMath- Fact fluency practice. If your child uses XtraMath at school, they can access their account at home! Visit XtraMath.com or download the XtraMath app. Please contact your child's teacher for log-in information.

Alphablocks and Numberblocks- These are videos for word study and number sense. Alphablocks is a great reinforcement for our "tapping out" strategy. Go to YouTube.com and type Alphablocks or Numberblocks into the search bar.

Mystery Science- Engaging science exploration videos on many topics. Visit: mysteryscience.com/school-closure-planning. There are activities for each topic!

Storyline Online- Books read aloud by celebrities. Activity guides are available connecting each book to writing, science, social studies, and art!

GoNoodle- Movement and mindfulness videos. Visit GoNoodle.com or download the GoNoodle app.

Learning at Home No Screen Activities

Reading: Rhyming games, count & clap syllables (you say September, they clap and say sep=tem-ber 3!), thumbs up rhymes (you say two words, they repeat the words and thumbs up if it rhymes, beginning match (you say sun, they say another word that starts with an “s” sound), blend it (you say s-m-a-r-t, they say smart), read to self, read to a friend, family member or stuffed animal, listen to a family member read, make a blanket fort to read in!

Writing: Write a letter to a friend, teacher or family member, keep a daily journal, draw and label rooms in your house, write a thank you note, make a book, practice penmanship or handwriting, write a story about a fun time with a beginning, middle, and end, write about any wish!

Math: Cook or bake with an adult, add or subtract using cereal or a snack, sort toys by color/shape/size, play store and practice buying and selling household things, make up math stories (draw and write the equation, have a family member solve it), teach a sibling how to add and subtract, play the card game war, create a math bingo game, measure and record how far you can jump, build towers, mazes or traps, use recyclables (boxes, bottles, yogurt cups, toilet paper tubes) to build something new.

Science and Social Studies: Plant a seed and record observations, go on a nature walk and record observations, keep a daily weather log, research an interesting topic (animal/planet/etc) and write about what you learned, draw your house and rooms in your house, make slime, create your own kingdom/country, draw the flag and write your own “rules” for your new land.

Daily Schedules- With our return to school uncertain, a routine can help kids stay on track and keep away stress and anxiety. We find following a routine gives students independence during the day- they can take care of a lot by themselves! Please consider our sample schedules as a resource for organizing the day at home.

Schedule 1

(Adapted School Day)

9:45-10:45 Reading
10:45-11:15 Word Study
11:15-11:55 Writing
11:55-12:45 Lunch
12:45-1:30 Math
1:30-2:00 Recess
2:00-2:45 Special/Free Time
2:45-3:30 Science or Social Studies

Schedule 2

9:00 Wake up, make bed and get ready
9:00-10:00 Outdoor time (walk or play)
10:00-11:00 Academic time- no screens!
11:00-12:00 Creative time (drawing, legos, etc)
12:00-12:30 Lunch
12:30-1:00 Home chores (clean up toys/room)
1:00-2:30 Quiet time (reading, nap, puzzles)
2:30-4:00 Academic time- screens ok!
4:00-5:00 Outdoor time (walk or play)
5:00-6:00 Dinner time
6:00-7:00 Bath or shower time
7:00-8:30 Relax before bed
8:30-9:00 Bedtime