

April 20, 2020

Dear Westridge Parents,

We hope this finds you and your family safe, healthy, and well. We wanted to let you know that beginning next week we will continue our Distance Learning by sharing a weekly calendar of suggested and optional activities in our core subject areas each week. You will find a variety of online, paper/pencil, and game activities for your child to complete if you choose. We will share these activities with you via our Bloomz app as well as on our classroom webpages.

On the first page, you will find a calendar for the week with activities listed in each subject each day. If you see an "OL" after the activity, that means it is an online activity. If you see a "WS" after the activity, that means it is a worksheet (paper) activity. On the subsequent pages, you will find a page for each of the subjects listing the SOL covered in the learning for the week. You will also find any links referenced on the calendar. The YouTube links have been run through a website (safeyoutube.net) that takes away ads & the ability for a video to play after the one we've recommended. However, you are still able to search Youtube for the links if you prefer that.

If a paper activity (worksheet) was referenced, you can find that in our "Distance Learning PDF files" for the week that will be attached to our Bloomz post. Again, please pick and choose what you feel is best for your child. We have integrated many writing opportunities throughout our different subjects. We will also include two optional STEM/Maker Space projects a week that provide an additional opportunity for creative, out-of-the-box thinking. Reading to your child (for enjoyment or learning purposes) is still the most important thing you can do to keep skills sharp for first grade. Please make sure to continue reading each day or night with your kindergartener.

Kindergarteners are recommended no more than 60 minutes of school learning activities each day per Prince William County. Please choose the ideas that you feel will be most beneficial for your child. Please remember that all work continues to be a review of standards previously taught, will not be graded, and is optional. The specialist teachers have additional activities posted on their personal webpages on the Westridge website so feel free to check those out if you are interested.

We are here to help you in any capacity you need. Thank you so much for everything you are doing to support learning at home with your kindergartener. We are so grateful and proud of all of your efforts. We are so honored to be part of this Westridge Community with you. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. You are all in our hearts every day!

Thank you so much,
The Kindergarten Team