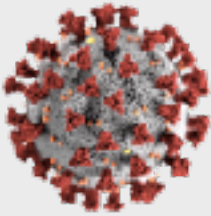


SMS Newsletter



COVID-19 Closure Memo #5

- MS Continuous Learning Plan
- A Time to Read
- Grade Level Specific Resources
- Counselors Notes



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I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family healthy and well. It seems like we have been on our stay at home order for months, but the reality is that it's been just over one month.

The middle school staff is missing every one of you every day. As Mr. Edwards recently said, "None of us signed up to try to teach from home," but we are all committed to helping our community be as safe as possible and to continue the learning at home. We have over 70% of our students continuing with their learning on [Summitlearning.org](https://www.summitlearning.org). Way to go middle school students! Can we get that statistic higher? Jump online, study a power focus, take an assessment, or work on a project. Parents, encourage your students to show you the online learning platform. You could even study a power focus area with your child.

Summit Tip!

Power Focus Strategy

Take Notes

- Turn the objectives into questions.
- Take the diagnostic assessment.
- Study key terms.
- Study 2-3 resource per objective.
- 'Check Your Understanding'
- Take the Assessment

In addition to working on the Summit Learning and completing the materials sent home, I would like to encourage everyone to take the time to read a book. Reading is fun and has many lifelong benefits. Did you know that the brain requires exercise to keep it strong and healthy? Reading is one of the best exercises for your brain! Studies have even shown that reading reduces stress and builds knowledge. When you read, you are filling your head with new bits of information. You may never know when that new knowledge may come in use, but the more knowledge you have, the better-equipped you are to tackle challenges in life.

So, if you need a book, please stop by the K-8 office to borrow a novel from the lending shelf right inside the front door. There is a great selection of books from which to borrow. You can stop by Monday to Tuesday from 9AM to noon. All you need to do is record the name of the book and your name on a sign-out sheet. I encourage everyone to read as much as possible during this

COVID-19 Closure. Some of my favorite authors to read are C.S. Lewis, Patrick F. McManus, Scott Westerfeld, and Lois Lowry. During this closure my son and I have found lots of joy reading the Chronicle of Narnia and I Survived books.

Finally, please be on the lookout for a call from the middle school staff. We are making weekly calls to check in with students and parents— additionally, feel free to call or email any of the teachers with their Google Voice numbers or school emails. We want to hear from you and are here to help!

Try out my new
Google Voice
number. Give me a
call or text!

Sincerely,

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Provide ALL students with the skills, strategies and knowledge to be responsible, successful adults.

Springdale Middle School Tidbits

"Stay at Home, Stay Healthy"

Please reach out to any of us with your questions, comments, or needs during this COVID-19 Closure! We are here for you and your family. Additionally, you can call the COVID-19 Closure line at **993.6886** to leave a voicemail stating how we can help your family.

Summit Learning

Students with Internet connections are encouraged to log onto summitlearning.org to work on focus areas, checkpoints, and projects. Teachers are monitoring student work and using email and phone calls to help guide student progress.

Return Work

In addition to the Summit Learning, the teachers have shared many assignments and activities with students to do off-line. Please share your completed work back with the teacher to get feedback. Completed work can be texted back to teachers via their Google Voice number, emailed, or dropped off at the district office for teachers to pickup.

Check Your Email

Teachers have been using email to communicate with students during this closure. Please be sure to log onto your email every day to check for teacher emails and feedback. Additionally, please email your teachers any questions or comments!

Go outside for your health!

This morning I had to break outside to enjoy the beautiful sunny morning. I sat on my deck and hosted a middle school team meeting via Zoom. It felt great to soak up the sun's rays. Please do the same! Go out and enjoy our beautiful spring and fresh air.

We hope to see you soon!