

KING SCHOOL SPECIALISTS NEWSLETTER

YOUR AT HOME CONNECTION WITH LIBRARY, TECH, CHINESE, ART, MUSIC & P.E.



Welcome to your weekly email newsletter from your favorite specialist teachers!

FROM MS. VARNEY IN LIBRARY (JVARNEY@CPSD.US)

Hi everyone, I know a lot of resources are coming your way, and it can be overwhelming! Every week I'm going to pick out 3 of my favorites for you to click on directly from this newsletter. This week's theme is Books and Authors - it is so important to KEEP READING!

1. CPS Online Resources - this one is basic but key. The CPS provides so many great online resources. For grades K-2 I recommend Tumblebooks - a good variety and so much fun! Grades 2-4 will enjoy reading about topics of interest in PebbleGo. And Grades 3-5 should definitely be taking advantage of Sora. All the info you need is here: [Home Access for K-8 Online Library Media Resources](#)
2. Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems - every weekday at 1 pm Mo Willems (author of beloved children's books series [The Pigeon](#) and [Elephant and Piggie](#)) will be live streaming a short visit from his studio (via Youtube). The sessions are fun and engaging for all ages! [LUNCH DOODLES with Mo Willems!](#)
3. Peter Reynolds Daily Read-Aloud - every weekday at noon Peter Reynolds (author of [The Dot](#) and [Ish](#), among others) will live stream a read-aloud of one of his books (via Facebook, so you'll need a Facebook account to watch). His books are a favorite of all my students. <https://www.facebook.com/PeterHamiltonReynolds/>

If you have trouble accessing any of these resources, or if you like these and would like me to send more like this, please get in touch. Next week we will go on some virtual field trips! Stay well!

FROM MX. ENGEL IN ART (SENGEL@CPSD.US)

Hello artists, hope you are finding ways to stay creative while at home! If you haven't already, check out this booklet full of [Art Resources](#). You'll find drawing activities, imaginative prompts and links to explore museums online and make art at home. Starting Monday, March 23, I will be posting short videos to Google Classroom (Vimeo). These videos will share ideas for students to use everyday objects and their creativity to create art and transform the ordinary into the extraordinary! Stay tuned, as links will be sent out next week. If you have online access, follow [@engelsartexpress](#) on Instagram for ideas, videos and more artsy fun!

Also try this fun link <https://www.crayola.com/colorcamera> - if you have a pet, you can take a picture of it and turn it into a coloring page! Keep creating and see you artists soon - Mx. Engel

FROM MS. ROSENBERG, TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST (SROSENBERG@CPSD.US)

All classes in grades 3-5 have a Technology Google Classroom and students in those grades should be checking the Classrooms regularly. If you have other technology questions, please email Ms. Rosenberg!

FROM MR. MOSSBERG IN MUSIC (SMOSSBERG@CPSD.US)

Hello, musical people! It feels like a truly long time since we've been able to dance and sing together in person, so I thought I'd begin this week by sharing some videos I've made of our classroom music. In the link below you'll be able to find our welcome and goodbye songs to sing along with, as well as a recorder review and a few of the grade-specific tunes as well. Students will need to access this link with their cpsd.us accounts. More videos are coming soon!

[Music Videos](#)

I've had a great time popping into groups with some students so far, and hope to be able to show up in more group situations this week as well. I've got my piano here in the house with me and would love to sing with some students. If there are any questions or requests people would like to make of me, I can be reached at smossberg@cpsd.us.

In the meantime, teach some music to someone you love! Sing along with your favorite songs while you listen. Challenge yourself to tap the beat, then challenge yourself to tap the rhythm. Dance a ton!

Take care everybody. I can't wait to see you all! Best, Mr. Mossberg

FROM LIN LAOSHI, CHEN LAOSHI & LIU LAOSHI IN CHINESE

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NIHAO!! It feels like a long time we haven't seen you guys! **Lin laoshi**, **Chen laoshi** and **Liu laoshi** miss all our friends. Here are some fun ways we can enjoy Chinese this week.

Dear JK to third grade Chinese masters,

We have heard you guys are all trying and learning hard in a new way, and you Chinese teachers are very excited about singing, moving and working with you with a little longer distance. We all know staying at home a long time, not being with friends while everyone at home seems to be busy can be really very hard (I just had a fight with my imaginary pet kitty!). Please be super nice and kind to one another at home, say even more "I love you and **Wo ai ni**" to your family!!

Here are some activities and songs your parents can show you and please sing along, share and teach your families if they haven't learned Chinese yet.

Something special for 3rd grader scholars,

As you are all doing so great at your distant learning, some activities will show up in your Chinese google Classroom during the week to help you stay tuned with Chinese learning. It is flexible and fun. Please check on your Chinese google classroom, and find more instructions for the activities and meetings from Lin laoshi.

Topic learning and review resources:

Here are the Youtube channels for Chinese enrichment activities and songs. You may find diverse topics such as basic greetings, numbers, family members, body parts, cloth, animals, Monday- Sunday that we have learned this year. We would suggest the parents start with the familiar topics that we had learned in the class first and then explore the new topics.

[Chinesepkclass](#)

[Little Fox Chinese - Stories & Songs for Learners](#)

Song list:

Below are the songs we did with the classes, good resources for reviewing. You may pick one song (see below) and play it twice or more. The first time to have the kids listen-only, and then please also encourage them to sing along.

****helpful option: to slow down the speed to 0.75**

[Family song](#)

[Fruit song](#)

[Color song](#)

[All topics covered](#) This is a long video combination.

You can split the video into 3-5 mins each day. (number, color, family, adjectives, shape..etc.)

Stretch/exercise:

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[Kung Fu video](#)

[Happy New Year](#)

Cartoon/Relax:

[Baby Bus Chinese](#)

[Pinkfong Chinese](#)

Dear 4th and 5th grade Chinese scholars,

We know distant learning is different and can be overwhelming! But it is also flexible and fun.

During the week, please find time to continue exploring Chinese food related topics in following videos and also work on your assignment or find more instructions for the activities and meetings from Chen laoshi and Lin laoshi in your Chinese Google Classroom. Please leave your Chinese teachers private comments in Google classroom if you have any questions.♥

We have been learning about Chinese Food. This week, we would love to share some cultural exploration about Chinese language and Chinese food from different people.

Cultural Exploration videos

One day in ShangHai, China

An American girl lives and travels in China. This is one of her days in Shanghai when she tours around and speaks Chinese with people.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70Fj7tBJUb4&t=258s>

Optional:

Kids trying Chinese snacks! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_e4cfgm_6To

A Bite of China: Story of Staple Food

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8ITWruUaQc&list=PLwXMmy5fUrVy5KgYQXJZB2cw46texpb9I&index=2>

Have a healthy and fun week!! **Lin laoshi, Chen laoshi and Liu laoshi** ♥♥

A special message from Chen laoshi, In the students' take-home folders, they can find more learning materials for different topics to practice and review.

FROM MS. GREENE IN P.E. (KAGREENE@CPSD.US)

Hi everyone! First I just want to say I miss you all! Play and social interaction are some of the best parts of school, so it can be easy to get down when you're at home for a while. I have created a google classroom with lots of activities you can do by yourself or with someone else to stay active and happy! The code for the class is iovroo3 and feel free to email me at KaGreene@cpsd.us if you have any trouble logging on. There is also a distance learning folder on the school department website you can access here: <https://sites.google.com/cpsd.us/distancelearning/home?pli=1&authuser=2>.

I hope you are all staying active and getting moving at least once a day. I would love to see how everyone is getting creative while staying active at home, so send me a short video of your "at home PE" if you want to share with me!

There are a lot of people going out of their way to help each other at this difficult time. Many fitness programs are offering free online classes such as the YMCA <https://ymca360.org/>. If you have access to Youtube, [Cosmic Kids Yoga](#) is an amazing resource for yoga and mindfulness for kids 3 and up! I am working on uploading some of their videos to my google classroom as well.

If you are looking for a partner, workout buddy, or playmate, or just tired of playing with your siblings- we can video chat and play together! Just send me an email and we can schedule a time. I can't wait to see you and the gym again! Ms. Greene