**Butler’s Bookworms’ Home Learning Toolkit**

Since we are out of school for this extended Spring Break week, I thought I would share some fun ideas for keeping our kiddos occupied and learning while at home. It may be helpful to set up a designated “work space” and have a schedule of “work times” throughout the day. Nothing too rigid at this point. Maybe an hour in the morning choose a reading or writing activity and then an hour in the afternoon do Math and Science. I will keep you updated as I find out what our future holds. Please email me if you have any questions or suggestions at [pamela.butler@sfisd.org](mailto:pamela.butler@sfisd.org) or message me through ClassDojo. Also, if your child doesn’t have internet access on a computer or tablet, let me know and I will be more than happy to deliver paper packets of learning activities for them. Enjoy!

**Reading**

Post pictures of yourself reading your favorite books in interesting places on ClassDojo to share with Ms. Butler.

Look for teacher assigned reading assignments on [www.freckle.com](http://www.freckle.com) Our class code is r5n829

Listen or read a variety of books online with [www.getepic.com](http://www.getepic.com) Our class code is etl3946

Perform a reader’s theater play. Choose a script [here.](http://www.teachingheart.net/readerstheater.htm) Use facetime to perform the play for a friend or family member!

Listen to a [Reading Bug](https://www.thereadingbug.com/adventures) Podcast.

Submit a [book review](https://www.liveloveandteach.com/single-post/2017/04/04/Free-Book-Review-Template) or write a [letter to your favorite author](https://www.superteacherworksheets.com/writing/author-letter_WDZQR.pdf?up=1471854505) and submit to the [Kids Ask Authors](https://www.kidsaskauthors.com/) Podcast

Snuggle up with a book as a family!

Have your child read a book aloud to a stuffy, a sibling, or on a phone call to a family member or friend!

Download and print free no prep K-2 literacy and math games! [Bundle 1](file:///C:/Users/ltbelcher/OneDrive%20-%20Seattle%20School%20District%20No.%201/QAE%20Documents/Writing/120-print-and-play-games-for-K-2-Part-3-The-Measured-Mom-1.pdf) [Bundle 2](file:///C:/Users/ltbelcher/OneDrive%20-%20Seattle%20School%20District%20No.%201/QAE%20Documents/Writing/120-print-and-play-games-for-K-2-Part-2-The-Measured-Mom.pdf) [Bundle 3](file:///C:/Users/ltbelcher/OneDrive%20-%20Seattle%20School%20District%20No.%201/QAE%20Documents/Writing/120-print-and-play-games-for-K-2-Part-2-The-Measured-Mom.pdf)

**Writing:**

Use this [daily writing promp](https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/resources/free-resources/writing-prompt-calendars/)t calendar to get writing ideas!

Write a letter to a neighbor, family member, classmate or community member!

Look outside and write a poem based on what you see

Write about a time you were brave.

Write about a time when something unexpected happened.

Write about a time when you were flexible.

Write about a favorite memory.

Post your writing on ClassDojo to share with Ms. Butler.

**Math:**

Check for [Freckle](https://student.freckle.com/#/login) teacher assignments for mathematics. See code above.

Practice math facts on a Quick Math app!

[Quick Math](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/quick-math-multiplication-table-arithmetic-game/id537802071) (grades 3-5) \*App

[Quick Math Junior](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/quick-math-jr/id926078360) (grades K-2) \*App

[Khan Academy Kids](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/khan-academy-kids/id1378467217) App

Print [math coloring sheets](https://www.coloringsquared.com/free-coloring-pages-math-for-kids/math-fact-coloring-pages/) to practice a variety of facts

Print out a variety of [math worksheets](https://www.math-drills.com/)

Add math into your daily routine with the help of [this article](https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/8-easy-ideas-to-add-math-into-your-daily-routine)

Use a deck of cards to play addition or subtraction ‘War.’ Each player turns over two **cards** and adds them together. The highest sum (or difference) gets all of the **cards**. In the event of a tie (i.e. each player has the same sum or difference), **WAR** is declared.

**Science:**

[Mystery Doug](http://www.mysterydoug.com) offers weekly science videos to keep scientists curious!

Weekly interactive science videos with [mystery science.](http://www.mysteryscience.com)

Amazing science lessons that correspond with our NGSS science units.

Take a [virtual field](https://www.discoveryeducation.com/learn/tundra-connections/) trip to learn about polar bears!

Listen to an [Earth Rangers](https://www.earthrangers.com/podcast/) Podcast

Go for a walk or look outside your window. What observations can you make?

Draw a plan/map for a garden of your dreams!

Plant seeds for a garden, garden box or potted garden

Science experiments you can do at home: <http://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/>

Listen to a Wow in the World podcast and use the conversation starters to have a great science discussion

**Social Studies**

Scholastic has free at-home cross-curricular learning! Click on your grade level for [***20 days of activities***!](https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html)

Research a topic of your choice on PebbleGo! Access this website using Username: UES and Password: UES

Explore the USA on the kids [National Geographic](https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/states/) website

Listen to [Eat Your Spanis](https://www.eatyourspanishpodcast.com/)h podcast

Research a topic with a non-fiction book.

Interview a family member. Prepare a list of questions beforehand and record their answers.

Create a family tree or family history timeline.

**Art**

Self-directed [drawing activitie](https://www.artforkidshub.com/)s. Find a place to hang your completed artwork in your home!

Make [Play Dough](https://www.food.com/recipe/the-best-play-dough-recipe-185326#activity-feed)

Create a thank you card for a family or community member

Look in the mirror and draw a self-portrait

Draw a picture of your family

Draw a picture of yourself doing something you enjoy

Go to a park and do some nature sketching (bring watercolors for extra fun!)

**Music**

Enjoy our morning warm-up song “What I Am” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u8Vd2UHBbjA>

Listen, learn, and sing-along to the [Eat Your Spanish](https://www.earthrangers.com/podcast/) Podcast

Listen to the [Noodle Load](http://noodleloafshow.com/) Podcast or [Saturday Cereal](https://saturdaycerealbowl.podbean.com/) podcast

**PE**

[Go Noodle](https://www.gonoodle.com/)

[Cosmic Kids Yoga](https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga)

Do 100 jumping jacks

Stretch for 15 minutes

Run in place

Use a jump rope. How many jumps can you make in a row?

Hold a plank for as long as you can!

Go for a bike ride or scooter

Shoot some hoops

**Recess**

Sidewalk chalk drawings

Make a hopscotch or four-square court

Go on a nature walk

50 [indoor activities](https://www.hellowonderful.co/post/easy-indoor-activities-for-kids/?fbclid=IwAR15lEMwrUm4ielbKh1VCogjbES0twY9fbSziUQr6bXGmS2PPSONViw7btI) for kids!

**Free Choice Time**

Allow time for your child to *be bored* or choose their own activity!

Legos

Crafting

Coloring

Reading

Puzzles

Fort building

**Brain Breaks**

[Go Noodle](https://www.gonoodle.com/)

Set up a puzzle table

Make a fairy garden or a gnome home

Choose an educational video to watch on [Brainpop!](https://www.brainpop.com/) Grades 3-5 and [Brainpop Junior](https://jr.brainpop.com/) Grades K-2 You can get free access [here](https://educators.brainpop.com/2020/02/19/free-brainpop-access-for-schools-affected-by-the-corona-virus/)!

Have a dance party! Try this family friendly [music podcas](https://saturdaycerealbowl.podbean.com/)t for dancing!

Listen to a Podcast!

[Brains On!](https://www.brainson.org/)

[Smash Boom Best](https://www.brainson.org/shows/2019/02/04/smash-boom-best-season-3-news)

[Sparkle Stories](https://www.sparklestories.com/dashboard/)

[Circle Round](https://www.npr.org/podcasts/532788972/circle-round)

[Wow in the World](https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510321/wow-in-the-world)

[Kids Peace Out](https://podcasts.google.com/?feed=aHR0cHM6Ly9iZWR0aW1lLmZtL3BlYWNlb3V0L2ZlZWQ&episode=MDdmNzhiZWQtNmRhMy00MzY5LTliZTQtNzNkMjJhMWE0ZTkw&hl=en&ved=2ahUKEwiAm4Lk7JroAhVZFTQIHWAqD8IQjrkEegQIBBAI&ep=6)

[Story Pirates](https://www.storypirates.com/podcast)

[Molly of Denali](https://www.npr.org/podcasts/727663819/molly-of-denali)

**STEAM**

Create daily challenges like build a tall tower with materials you can find around the home!

Visit [here](https://www.giftofcuriosity.com/engineering-challenges-for-kids-steam/) to get more ideas. Modify as needed!

Take a [virtual field trip](https://www.innovation-gen.com/) to Stanley Black & Decker Makerspace

**Life Skills**

Have your child practice memorizing important phone numbers and addresses

Peel and chop vegetables and fruit together

Try out a new recipe

Learn to cook something on their own (like pancakes or scrambled eggs)

Set and clear the table

Wash dishes or load the dishwasher

Observe nature from your window. Create and keep a journal to draw what you see!

Learn how to [tie shoelaces](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VA4AACzlhe8)

Fold Laundry

Create new [chores](https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/chore-ideas-for-kids-ages-2-to-8) or a chore chart

**Caregiver Self-Care**

Be kind to yourself! Have a flexible mindset!

Get plenty of sleep

Eat well balanced meals

Take brain-breaks too! (read a good book, do yoga, work on a puzzle)

Allow your kids to watch a movie in the middle of the day and take a breather!