



Ward Parents,

We hope you and your children are safe, happy, and well during these unusual times in our lives. We wanted to share a few ideas to keep your students engaged in learning while away from school. Thankfully the district technology department provides several websites that can be used from home. In grades 3 through 5, Mrs. Pirone, Ward's Technical Assistant, has been using Google Classrooms with her students in the computer lab. Students can continue to use those platforms to explore the tools provided by Mrs. Pirone. Before our school closure, Mrs. Shields has been working with second grade students to help introduce them to Google Classroom. Most are already members of those Google Classrooms. Mrs. Shields and Mrs. Pirone will continue to share enrichment activities to students to help them continue developing. For younger children, we thankfully have several digital online learning tools as well.

We also understand that not everyone has access to a home computer. But technology is all around us. Perhaps you use a streaming service such as Netflix, Hulu, or Amazon Prime Video. Most host educational programs. When viewing these with your children you might consider pointing out how lucky we are in 2020 that our connected world brings these programs into our homes. Microwaves are a form of technology. Pushing buttons inputs information to program the cooking time, temperature, etc. Having discussions like this will help your students look for technology all around them.

The digital learning tools provided by the technology department are all available on our website, <http://ward.nred.org> under the "Students" tab. But here are some of those links for quick access to digital learning:

- RazKids - <http://kiddsa-z.com>
- DreamBox - <https://play.dreambox.com/login/wwc6/williamsbws?vcl=1>
- BrainPOP Jr (K-3) - <https://jr.brainpop.com/>
- BrainPOP (3-5) - <https://www.brainpop.com/>
- Discovery Education - <http://discoveryeducation.com>
- Bookflix - <https://digital.scholastic.com/resources/slp/#/login?productCode=bkflix&ucn=600078497&ref=MTU4NDQ3MzA2MzY0OXodHRwczovL3dhcmQubnJlZC5vcmcv>
- Pebble Go (K-2) - <http://pebblego.com>
- Pebble Go Next (3-5) - <https://pebblegonext.com/>

Sincerely,
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