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Sunday, March 29, 2020

Dear Dexter Middle Families,

I hope that this message finds you and your family doing well during this unprecedented time. Even though our school building is closed indefinitely, we are still here for you and your family.

Our teachers have risen to the occasion to assist our students. Starting today, you will receive a list of assignments for the week. Most of the assignments will come from IXL and iReady. The assignments are designed to keep your student from falling behind and will not be graded; however completion will be monitored.

The Dexter Middle School faculty is committed to consistent and clear communication with you throughout this time period and we know our students are hungry to learn; therefore, teachers will be available from 9:00AM – 2:00PM via Remind and email.

"The Mayor has said publicly that ensuring students are fed during the current school closure is considered essential, and therefore we are happy to report that the YMCA will continue providing meals for students at all designated sites Monday-Friday while schools are closed." Students under the age of 18 can receive a free meal M-F, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., at 60+ sites across Shelby County. The child must be present to receive a meal. The closest location for our community is the <u>YMCA</u> located at 7950 Club Center Cv., Cordova.

All 8th grade activities as well as field trips are postponed indefinitely. Refunds will be issued to the parent listed in Power School. Additional information is forthcoming. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

I know this is a difficult time, but be rest assured we are here for you. I will continue to communicate with you in the coming days. Please check your email, text, Dexter Middle website, and the SCS website for more information and updates. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this trying time and stay safe.

Principal Jones

Sample Student Schedule

- > 7:30-8:30- Shower, dress, clean room, make bed
- ➤ 8:30-9:00 Breakfast
- ➤ 9:00-10:00 Math
- ➤ 10:00-11:00 Language Arts
- > 11:00 11:15 Break
- ➤ 11:15-12:15 Science
- > 12:15-1:15 Lunch
- ➤ 1:15-2:15 Social Studies
- ➤ 2:15-3:15 Exercise (Walk outside, play sports, etc.)
- ➤ 3:15 4:15 Free time watch television, play games, or talk to friends
- ➤ 4:15-5:15 Read (Read a book or novel for fun)
- \gt 5:15 6:15 Assist with chores and dinner prep
- **>** 7:00 − Dinner
- ➤ 10:00 Bedtime

Assignments for Monday, March 30 – Friday, April 3, 2020

8	Math	ELA	Science	Social Studies
6 th		IXL - K. 2 & K. 3	The following 6 th	Monday: Ancient Greece for Kids
Grade	I assigned 2 lessons in iReady: and here are 2 IXL Lessons IXL HH1 Identify statistical questions IXL HH2 Calculate mean, median, mode, and range	M.1 & M.2 iReady - Assigned online: Determining word meanings Understanding relationships between words	grade Science assignments from IXL are aligned with our Unit 8 "Weather and Climate" Standards 6.ESS2: Earth's Systems & 6.ESS3: Earth and Human Activity.	https://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_greece.php Read the page on Ancient Greece. Test your knowledge by doing at least one of the online activities: Quiz, Word Search or Crossword puzzle. Tuesday: Legacy of Ancient Greece https://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_greece/legacy.php Read the page on Ancient Greece Legacy. Test your knowledge by answering the online quiz questions. Explore any links that interest you in the section at the bottom that says: For more about Ancient Greece.
			IXL ALL Section "DD" items = DD 1, 2, 3, 4 and the two NEW items that are simply labeled "NEW!"	Wednesday: Ancient Greece Olympics https://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_greek_olympics.php Read about the beginning of the Olympics. Test your knowledge by answering the online quiz questions. Explore any links that interest you in the section at the bottom that says: For more about Ancient Greece. Thursday: Ancient Greek Alphabet https://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_greece/greek_alphabet.php Read the short passage on the Greek alphabet and numbers. Test your knowledge by answering the online quiz questions. Explore any links that interest you in the section at the bottom that says: For more about Ancient Greece. Friday: Alexander the Great https://www.ducksters.com/biography/alexander_the_great.php Read the short passage on Alexander the Great. Test your knowledge by answering the online quiz questions. Explore any links that interest you in the section at the bottom that says: For more about Ancient Greece.
7 th Grade	Standard 7.SP.C.5. IXL- DD.1 and DD.2 & i- Ready Lesson 30	IXL B3, B4, E1 and E2	IXL tasks- Level I (capital i) lessons Q.7,Q.10, R.2, and R.3	IXL BB.4, BB.5,BB.6, and BB.7
8 th Grade	Hopefully, you all have your textbooks at home. We are going back to Module 4: Lesson 18. Please complete the Example Problems and the Classwork Problems on pp. s. 103 – 110. Then please complete the Problem Set Problems for Lesson 18 on p. s. 111. You will need graph paper to complete the problems. Also if you have trouble, you can go to youtube and search for a video for 8th grade math Eureka Math Lesson 18, Module 4. There will be several that pop up for you. Also for this week, you can complete IXL's Y7, Y8, Y9. They also deal with slope. Hope you have a great week! Please use this time also to work on fluency or procedural	IXL W3, W4, & Y4. Read Unbroken Chapters 24 & 25-pages 245-264.	IXL: R1-5	Read chapter 16. Complete IXLs O1-O4

skills that may be a problem for you! Ex. Math facts; operations with integers; changing fractions to decimals and decimals to fractions. Take advantage of Khan Academy to		
work on those skills.		

Teacher Emails:

	Math	ELA	Science	Social Studies
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Shelby County Schools District Learning Tools

Weekly Learning Guides http://www.scsk12.org/instructionalresources/grades?PID=1639

i-Ready for Grades K-8

- For ELA & Math Lessons
- Student Login: https:/clever.com/in/scs
- Student Username: 6-Digit PowerSchool ID
- Student Password: Date of Birth (MMDDYYYY)
- Recommended Usage: 1 hour Reading and 1 hour Math

Homework Hotline

Tutoring for All Grades

Available Online & by Phone M-Th, 4-8 p.m.

• (901) 416-1234 or www.HomeworkHotline.info

Parent Welcome Center

- General Info & Assistance
- Available M-F, 7 a.m. 5 p.m.
- (901) 416-5300 or SCSHelp@scsk12.org

Here are the Zone 11 web based resources

- 1. http://www.scholastic.com/learnathome
- 2. https://www.curriculumassociates.com/supporting-students-away-from-school?utm source=VanityURL CAI-

562381a&utm medium=WordofMouth Multi-

use&utm content=iready ATHOME&utm campaign=vanity

- 3.https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts?sort_by=most_popular&lexile_min=&lexile_max=&level%5B%5D=5th-6th+grade&level%5B%5D=7th-8th+grade&language=english
- 4. https://adventuresinfamilyhood.com/20-virtual-field-trips-to-take-with-your-kids.html

Here are additional web based resources

- Khan Academy 100% free and covers a wide range of subjects. Particularly strong in STEM subjects.
- <u>ReadWorks</u> ReadWorks is an online resource of reading passages and lesson plans for students of all levels K-12.
- IXL Learning IXL gives teachers everything they need to personalize learning, with a comprehensive K-12 curriculum
- Social Emotional Learning A web based guide to activities you can do at home
- Quill Free writing and grammar activities for K-12. Includes lessons for teachers to lead writing instruction as well as diagnostics.

Virtual Tours and Experiences

- Museum Virtual Tours
- National Park Virtual Tours
- Design Squad Global/PBS Kids
- Discovery Education Virtual Field Trips
- National Geographic Virtual Classroom Experiences