

# M. Agnes Jones Elementary



## Distance Learning Guide

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In the event of a school closing, M. Agnes Jones has put in place a distance learning plan that will allow our scholars to continue to learn using digital platforms that are easily accessible at home. In order to access these resources, scholars need a device that connects to the internet.

Should a scholar not be able to secure a device that meets these requirements or is having technical issues, paper packets are also available.

Need more information? Feel free to access these resources and more on our website under the **Distance Learning** tab.

<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/jones>



## Contact Us!

- For updates during school closings and distance learning, visit our website at <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/jones> and select the **Distance Learning** tab.
- Reach out to us via our Remind App using the following text instructions:

M. AGNES JONES ELEMENTARY

### JOIN THE MAJ REMIND CLASSROOM!

Want to get the fastest school news and updates via text? join your student's "classroom" based on their current grade level below:



TEXT "@prek1040" to 81010  
TEXT "@kinder1040" to 81010  
TEXT "@first1040" to 81010  
TEXT "@second1040" to 81010  
TEXT "@third1040" to 81010  
TEXT "@fourth1040" to 81010  
TEXT "@fifth1040" to 81010



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- If you have any questions, feel free to contact our principal, Dr. Woolfolk at 770-954-5586 or our communications liaison Zella Myers at 678-786-6670.

# Learning Apps Available Through MyBackpack



A variety of academic apps are available to students via the MyBackpack platform.

My Backpack is a "one-stop-shopping" portal for all frequently used school files and apps. All Atlanta Public Schools students and staff can access their favorite websites and school applications from any device anywhere.

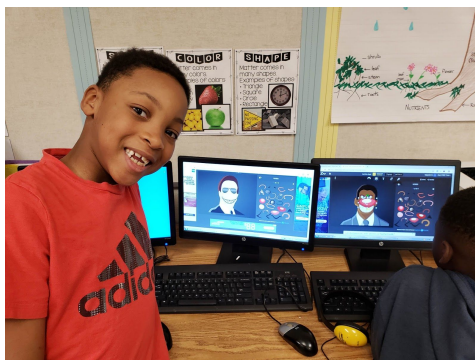
Once logged in, myBackpack acts as a single sign-on so you do not have to remember all of the different web addresses and passwords for your favorite school resources.

**To access myBackpack, follow the directions below:**

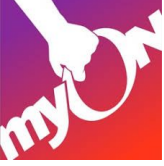



1. Navigate to <https://launchpad.classlink.com/atlanta>.
2. Enter the APS student username (username) and lunch id (password).
3. The myBackpack screen will load with your username and password.

After your scholar has logged in, they will see different apps they can use to continue online standards-based learning. Many of the digital assignments given by teachers will ask students to access and reference many of the apps found in Mybackpack.

If you have any questions or are having trouble with accessing the platform, please contact us using the directory at the back of this guide.



# Frequently Used Apps at MAJ!

 <p><b>MyOn</b> (All Grades)</p> <p>Renaissance myON® Reader is a student-centered, personalized literacy environment that gives students access to more than 6,000 enhanced digital books.</p> <p>Titles are dynamically matched to each individual student's interests, grade and Lexile® reading level. Combined with a suite of close reading tools and embedded supports, myON Reader fosters student engagement and achievement.</p>	<p><b>Single Sign On through MyBackpack</b></p> <p><u>Login:</u> Student username <u>Password:</u> Lunch number</p>
 <p><b>Legends of Learning</b> (Grades 3-5)</p> <p>A math game-based platform that provides thousands of curriculum aligned math and science games for elementary and middle school students. Teachers can assign games based on specific content standards.</p>	<p>Teacher sets up class.</p>
 <p><b>STEMscopes™</b> THE LEADER IN STEM EDUCATION (Pre-K-12)</p> <p>STEMscopes provides an online curriculum that is directly aligned to the Georgia Standards of Excellence in the areas of math, science, and English Language Arts.</p>	<p><b>Single Sign On through MyBackpack</b></p> <p><u>Login:</u> Student Username <u>Password:</u> Lunch number</p>
 <p><b>Coach Digital™</b> (Grades 1-12)</p> <p>Coach Digital is a comprehensive toolkit for teachers, packed with thousands of lessons and assessments for grades 1-12 in ELA and Math.</p>	<p><b>Single Sign On through MyBackpack</b></p> <p><u>Login:</u> Student Username <u>Password:</u> Lunch number</p>



## Learning

(All Grades)

Learning A-Z offers more than 2,400 books at 29 levels of reading difficulty. The extensive collection makes it easy to put developmentally appropriate content into each student's hands. In addition to this platform, students also have access to Science A-Z. A robust library of multilevel informational texts, hands-on experiments, and other engaging materials centered around Life, Earth and Space, Physical, and Process Science.

## A-Z

## Single Sign On through MyBackpack

Login: Student Username

Password: Lunch Number



## Middlebury Interactive Languages

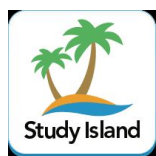
(Grades K-5)

Middlebury provides access to world languages that prepare students with the skills and cultural understanding to compete in the 21st Century global marketplace. MAJ scholars are currently enrolled in beginning Spanish courses.

Login: Student username

Password: lunch number +a12

(Example: 1234a12)



(Grades K-12)

Study Island combines rigorous content that is highly customized to specific state standards in math, reading, writing, science and social studies.

## Single Sign On through MyBackpack

Login: Student username

Password: lunch number



(Grades K-12)

IXL's adaptive learning platform helps students at all levels master essential math, language arts, science, and social studies skills. The platform's rigorous, standards-aligned content effectively prepares students for high-stakes assessments.

## Single Sign On through MyBackpack

Login: Student username

Password: lunch number

# Platforms for Online Instruction

## Google Classroom



All teachers at M. Agnes Jones have created Google Classrooms that are accessible through MyBackpack. This will be one of the primary ways teachers will communicate with their students during school closings.

### What is Google Classroom?

Google Classroom (GC) is an online digital classroom where teachers post assignments and communicate with students in real-time throughout the day. In turn, students are able to send messages, turn in work and access online learning materials while in GC.

### How to Access Google Classroom

Students should use their school-issued username and password to log in. Google Classroom instructions and login information are below.

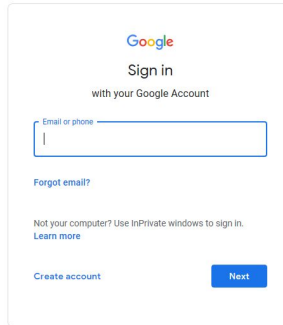
1. Go to [mybackpack.apsk12.org](http://mybackpack.apsk12.org) or select the myBackpack icon located on your school-issued device.



2. Sign in using your child's username and password.  
Username: \_\_\_\_\_@apsk12.org  
(Don't forget to add the @apsk12.org at the end!)  
Password: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Select the Google Classroom icon.



- Note\*** You may be prompted a second time after selecting the *Google Classroom* icon to log into *Google*. Please use the same login information listed above.



The image shows the Google sign-in page. At the top is the Google logo. Below it, the text reads "Sign in with your Google Account". There is a text input field labeled "Email or phone" with a vertical cursor. Below the input field are links for "Forgot email?", "Not your computer? Use Incognito windows to sign in.", and "Learn more". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Create account" and "Next".

- Select your teacher's *Google Classroom* named \_\_\_\_\_.
- Search for the inclement weather folder and click on it.
- Tap on the assignments to view instructions, resources, and links.





## Platforms for Online Instruction

### Seesaw and ClassDojo

It is important to emphasize that all teachers at M. Agnes Jones have created Google Classrooms. However, many of our younger scholars in grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd also use Seesaw and ClassDojo to complete work. In addition, some of our teachers also use these platforms to communicate with parents regarding work and events. If teachers in these lower grades have chosen to use these alternative platforms to issue assignments, login information will be communicated via your scholar's teacher.



## Additional Resources

### myOn



#### What is it?

During school closings, students are encouraged to read as much as possible during their free time. myOn is a dynamic, interactive ebook platform which provides audio support, text annotation and much more. Students can access a variety of books based on their interests and reading levels. Books can be read to students or students can choose to turn the audio function off to read books on their own. Teachers may also create projects in myOn or list assignments via Google Classroom, Seesaw, or ClassDojo for students to complete.

#### Accessing myOn

myOn is accessible through myBackpack. In addition first and second graders that have received iPads through the Tablet2Read program can log on to the app via myBackpack or download books directly to the device in order to read books without internet access.

For Pre-K and Kindergarten students, the generic username and password is below. 1st-5th grade students have individual login credentials and can access myOn through myBackpack, but feel free to use the generic credentials if your student is unable to remember their personal school information.

- Pre-K and Kindergarten students should go to [www.myon.com](http://www.myon.com)
- Choose School: APS Early Reading
- Use Username: student
- Use Password: books (all lowercase)

## Additional Resources

### Tutor ATL



### What is it?

The TutorATL program is a free, one-on-one, on-demand homework help platform to K-12 students in metro Atlanta. Students are able to receive help between the hours of 4pm-11pm every day in 40+ subjects including math, science, english, social studies and world languages.

### Accessing TutorATL

Scholars are able to access TutorATL by signing into myBackpack on their computer, laptop, tablet or phone. Once logged in, click on the TutorATL logo.



## Additional Resources

### Class Pass



#### What is it?

Class Pass connects all APS students and employees to online databases, eBooks, eAudiobooks, streaming videos, as well as hundreds of thousands of books available at libraries throughout the city of Atlanta and Fulton County.

#### How to Access

Use MyBackpack and select the Class Pass app or visit the Library website [afpls.org/class](http://afpls.org/class) with your student username. Your student username acts as your library account number when using library resources. For more information and facts about Class Pass, you can refer to the FAQ sheet found at the following weblink: <https://bit.ly/2vNnJxv>



## First and Second Grade Tablet2Read Program



In the event that schools are closed, all first and second grade students will take home their Tablet2Read iPads and chargers distributed during the beginning of the school year by Atlanta Public Schools. These devices are equipped with 37 apps that have been carefully selected and vetted. Almost 20 of these apps directly support reading instruction and **do not require wifi or internet** to use.

Students can also access myBackpack, Google Classroom, and various other apps that teachers use for instruction during class. Please make sure you contact your scholar's teacher if you are unsure of where to find your scholar's online work.

If your scholar is new to our school, has lost, or damaged their iPad, please contact the school or Ms. Mcghee as soon as possible for assistance. The following page will provide some information and ideas on the apps available on the Tablet2Read iPads.



# A few Ideas on How to Use the iPad

★ Does your Child need to practice phonics, sounds and word recognition? Try these apps.



★ Does your child need to practice sight words or reading fluently? Try these apps.



★ Time to practice writing? Try these apps.



★ Time to practice reading for details or comprehension questions? Try these apps.



★ Does your child love reading books or stories for pleasure or need a book for a project? Try these apps.



★ Looking for your child's reading level? You can locate your child's reading level and Lexile level in the myON app. You can also search within the myON app for books on your child's level.

★ Access the myON app on the Tablet2Read device to read each night with your children. Parents can pick great books to read and children can read to parents.



★ Your child's teacher may place Tablet2Read stickers in your child's homework folder with a reminder of what each child should be working on during the week with the use of the Tablet2Read device.

★ Don't forget that lots of great digital resources are available in the APS MyBackpack.



**Need more great ideas on how to use your child's Tablet2read iPad? Just ask your child's teacher or your school's Media Specialist. They'd love to help.**

