



Springdale Park Elementary

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Dear SPARK Families,

As always, we are so very fortunate to work with your children on a daily basis. Although the next few weeks we will not be meeting with students face-to-face, we are ready to work with them virtually/digitally over the next few weeks.

I want to share our plan to provide online activities for students while we are out of the building. Please be sure to read this information and reach out to your child's teachers if you have any questions. Also, please know that our teachers will be teleworking from home every day while we are out of school. This means they will be available to answer your questions from 8am – 3pm daily.

So what do you need to know?

- All SPARK teachers have prepared online activities.
- SPARK HR Teachers have created a google classroom for their homeroom.

How do parents access the Google classroom?

Please click on the screencast for instructions on how to access your child's unique Google Classroom. <http://somup.com/cYeI2yhC61>

- It may prompt you to verify your child's google account using their "**Username**"@APSK12.org email address.

Will my child be able to interact with his/her teacher?

Yes. Teachers will be available to work with students and chat daily from 10am – 11am on GOOGLE Meet. Students and parents will be able to ask questions of the teacher in real time as needed. Teacher may use this platform to teach a mini lesson, confer with students or provide one-on-one support.

How do we access Google Meet for our kids?

Please click on the screencast for instructions on how to access Google Meet in your child's Google Classroom. <http://somup.com/cYeIochCIU>

What about technology?

All 1st and 2nd grade students will bring home their school assigned IPAD. This is mandated per APS policy. For all other students, if technology is needed, we are accommodating on a case by case basis. Please reach out to your child's teacher if your child needs technology access while at home. Although we cannot provide internet access, we may be able to provide a device if we have not already done so.

Comcast is offering free 60 day internet access to low income households.

<https://www.internetessentials.com/>

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How long should my child work on online activities while at home? How long should students be expected to “read a book”?

We are expecting that students work each day on their activities for the following times:

	<i>Kindergarten & 1st</i>	<i>2nd & 3rd</i>	<i>4th & 5th</i>
Online Activities	1 hr/day	1hr – 1.5 hrs/day	2 hrs/day
Read a book	20 Minutes daily	30-40 minutes daily	40 – 60 minutes daily

What about grades?

Some of the Google classroom activities may be graded by teachers. If students are not able to complete these activities at home, please reach out to the teacher to let them know.

What about testing? STAR testing and Milestones testing?

The following was received today from the Georgia Department of Education.

We know there are concerns regarding the state's assessment and accountability systems and the impact of COVID-19 and related closures on these policies. We are closely monitoring events and are developing contingency plans for both the assessment and accountability systems based on different scenarios. The priority must remain the safety and well-being of students and adults. We will stay in contact with the U.S. Department of Education and will make adjustments as needed to our policies to accommodate districts. The specific adjustments will depend on the course of events; however, districts, schools, parents, and students should know that we will make adjustments as necessary.

What about students who may need meals during the school closure?

- Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, all APS students can daily receive free bagged meals at 5 school sites that will be open for food distribution Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 - Douglass High School

- Cleveland Ave Elementary School
- Bunche Middle School
- Sylvan Middle School
- Phoenix Academy
- Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, APS partner, GOODR, will provide ready to eat meals at the following local community sites:
 - Hosea Williams Feed The Hungry (4779 Mindy St. Atlanta, GA. 30366 * 404-755-3353)
 - Food Pantry - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 - 10 a.m. - Noon
 - Bring ID and Social Security Card
 - Loaves and Fishes @ St. John the Wonderworker Parish (543 Cherokee Ave., SE Atlanta, GA. 30312 * 678-373-9433)
 - Serves food Monday - Friday
 - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, all APS families can report to one of the 5 open APS school sites Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. to receive a bag of shelf stable grocery items from the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

Is the Grady cluster doing something to support students in need of food or other necessities during the school closing?



Yes. Please use the QR code to access the online form or email GradyCaresATL@gmail.com for support.

Please be flexible during this unprecedented time. We are doing our best to create meaningful online experiences for your children and we need your support in doing so. We expect that there will be a need for troubleshooting as with any new process.

Thank you for all you do for our school and we look forward to seeing you and your kids online soon!

Sincerely,

Terry Harness

Principal