

Greetings PS 59 Families,

I hope this message is finding you and your family well. During these ever evolving circumstances, I know we all want clear answers and they are hard to come by. I've had to operate in an abundance of flexibility and patience, and will continue to do so as I work with our School Administration and heed the information supplied by our School Chancellor as I serve as your PTA President. Please look out for weekly updates via email and posts to our website theharborviewsschool.my-pto.org

At this time, going through our PTA calendar, I've been able to tentatively reschedule, or I am pending rescheduling, of some events. Unfortunately, some may need to be cancelled. Please see details listed for noted changes. In other instances, we are working to come up with creative ways to keep our school spirit going virtually. Stay tuned to our PTA calendar on our website for current updates.

During the closure, our awesome teachers at PS 59 will be supplying us with a number of grade appropriate activities. As families, we will be able to support our children with their learning and build upon the bonds we make with them during this time.

It will take some adjusting, but once there, we will thrive in a new path of engagement with our children and ourselves.

I've listed an activity below that'll be useful to you and your children. This can be adapted to your needs, and engages our Pre-K 3 & 4's too: practice rewriting the list you make; they can help identify the numbers. They can tell you the parts of a phone (speaker to hear; microphone to talk into; buttons with numbers for dialing).

Overall and most importantly,

Be patient with yourself, first!

You may not have the answers, and that's okay! Call someone to assist you. Use the resources of our community.

Leave a moment to yourself. We will have dozens of things to get done or pressing on our minds. Take a moment-- *schedule it in!*-- so you can see and engage with your children and family with joy. **Play!** Silly games, card games, read aloud together.

As always, you can reach me and your PTA officers at theharborviewsschoolpta@gmail.com. We will do our best to get you the information that you need.

Although we sail in these uncharted waters, we sail them together. We are not alone. It is with that understanding of community-- this PS 59 community-- that I am thankful to say I serve as your PTA President and look forward to charting these new waters for and with you.

May you and your family continue to



Be Well,
~Aja L Harris
PTA President
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Create your call list and phone activity

Be sure that your contact list of top 5 or 10 people are written out and available to you and your family (other than your cellphone).

Have the children learn the numbers of key family members or their friends.

Have them practice using a phone by dialing (not talking) to it!

Consider a day that the child calls one or two people to see how they are doing and practice using a phone/making a call.

What do you say? *Hello. May I speak to ____?*

If they aren't available: *OK. Please let them know I called.*

If they are available: *Hi, person's name! How are you doing? OR whatever conversation you'd like to go into.*

Got their voicemail- leave a message:

Hi, ____, this is your name. I called to _____. I'll call you again soon/tomorrow/another time.

OR

Please call me back at _phone number_

End call: *Say goodbye/I'll talk to you soon*

Hang up.

=== UPDATES of March & April Events ===

Spring/Sibling/Senior Pictures 2020

My Photos by Yearbook Innovations

If you have any questions regarding your photos, please take these steps:

- Call 718-761-7123
- Give your online code OR Student Name and PS 59
- State your question and someone will be available to assist you.
- If you get voicemail, please leave a message and you will be contacted as soon as possible.

Please note, they are limited in staff and are working to assist and respond with everyone as best as they can.

SI Federation Meetings- cancelled until further notice

Dine Out! at O'Neill's for March 30 & 31- cancelled.

Dine Out! at Shake Shack SI Mall, rescheduled for June 7, 2020. Subject to change.

PTA General Meeting April- cancelled. We will email and post key meeting details to family's to update

Community FUNdraiser event 4/26/2020- rescheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2020. Subject to change.

For current details of activities and events, please check out our website and PTA calendar at <http://www.theharborviewsschool.my-pto.org/> A to Z Connect, your PTA information portal for emails and postings sign up: atozconnect.com/cls/login.php

Home Connection Material Resources

Here are sight words and sight word cards to build fluency and word recognition. Please use these words to print out to play a matching game, make a word ring with index cards, write a journal entry using 5 of the words etc. These words are important for reading and writing. Please practice!

Sight words and Sight word cards:

First Grade Dolch List and Free Flashcards

<http://www.uniqueteachingresources.com/support-files/dolchsightwordsgrade1set.pdf>

Second Grade Dolch List and Free Flashcards

<http://www.uniqueteachingresources.com/support-files/dolchsightwordsgrade2set.pdf>

Dolch Noun List and Free Flashcards

<http://www.uniqueteachingresources.com/support-files/dolchsightwords95nouns.pdf>

Here are some free and educational internet sites and some things to keep the kids educated and entertained. Hope these help during your child's internet time!

www.starfall.com

Reading online!

www.abcya.com

www.pbskids.org

Great Pre-K resources, too!

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/>

Good for math!

Scholastic Releases Free daily courses for kids:

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

Virtual Field Trips! Good for exploration and writing!

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<https://www.parents.com/health/healthy-happy-kids/5-mindfulness-and-meditation-apps-for-kids/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheScienceMom/>

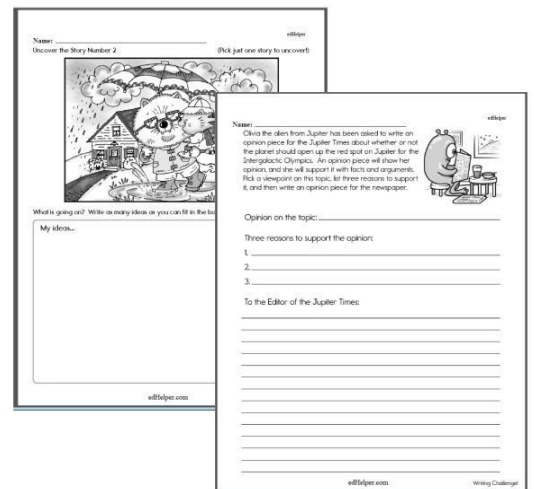
<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome/grades-prek-k.html>

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Free Workbooks While School is Out for Parents

**New Worksheets you will WANT to print today!
Writing - Small Books for Fun Writing Practice!
Just posted!!**



First Grade Writing Challenge Workbook

Second Grade Writing Challenge Workbook

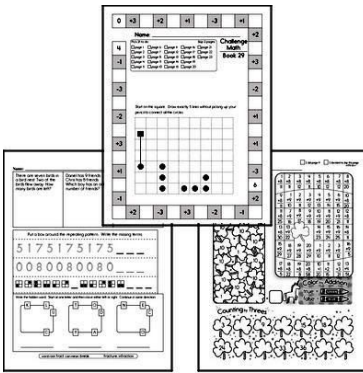
Third Grade Writing Challenge Workbook

Fourth Grade Writing Challenge Workbook

Fifth Grade Writing Challenge Workbook

Sixth Grade Writing Challenge Workbook

Math Worksheets



Kindergarten

First Grade

Second Grade

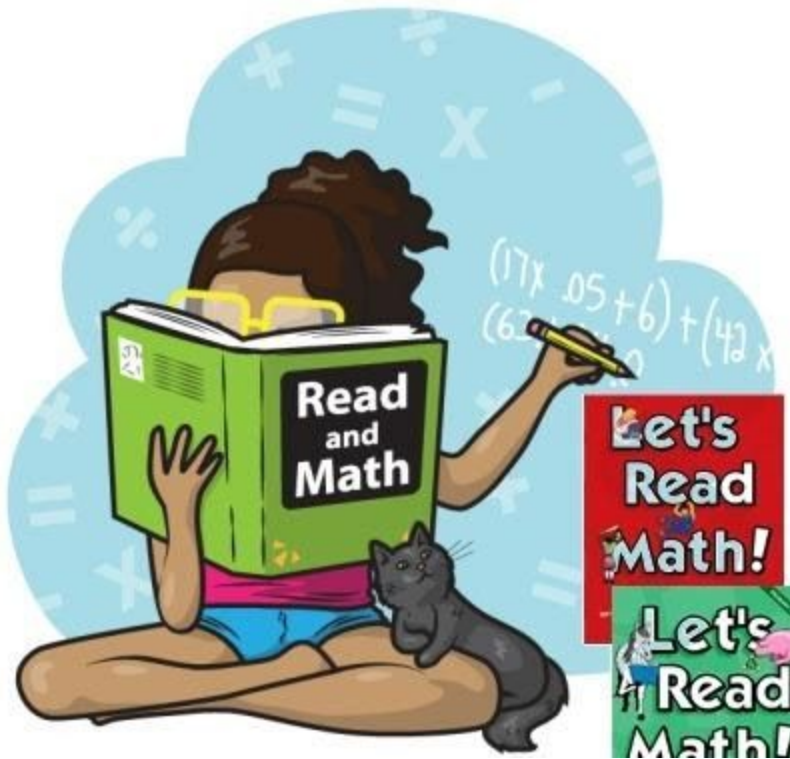
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This Week's Read and Do Math Books - Top Printable!



[Second Grade Read and Math Book](#)

[Third Grade Read and Math Book](#)

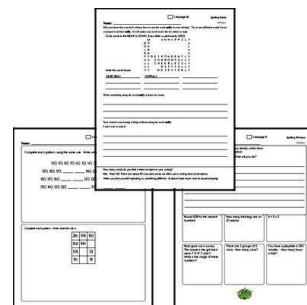
[Fourth Grade Read and Math Book](#)

[Fifth Grade Read and Math Book](#)

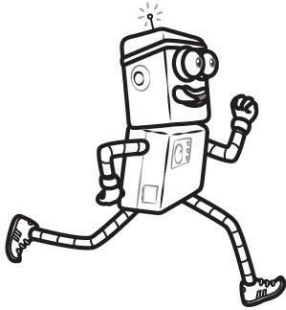
[Sixth Grade Read and Math Book](#)

Spelling

[This Week's Spelling Books](#)

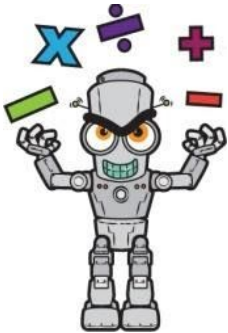


Fill Free Time

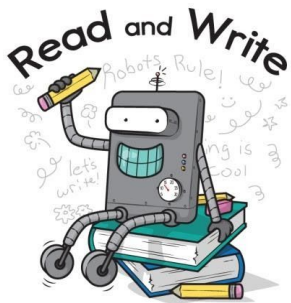


[Fast Finishers - Worksheets to Fill Time, for Morning Work, or Anytime!](#)

Mad Minute Timed Math Drill Worksheets - Quicker pages to practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.



[Mad Minute Timed Math Drill Worksheets](#)



[Read and Write Books](#)

[Second Grade](#) | [Third Grade](#) | [Fourth Grade](#) | [Fifth Grade](#)

Top Teacher Resources For Pre-K through High School:

<http://workbooks.edhelper.com/c/135543?id=90095181.26658.1.ec59d8bf5139af4805434d6eacbfd50e>

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