

March 20, 2020

Dear Parents,

Hello everyone! As all of you know on March 15, 2020 Governor Doug Ducey and Superintendent Hoffman implemented a statewide two-week school closure in response to the widespread local closures leading to staff and student absenteeism amid growing concern over the spread of COVID-19. We have just received guidance from the state and the school administration on how to proceed forward.

At this time teachers PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grades are working to update classroom websites, found at [bagdadschools.org](https://williamss4.wixsite.com/2ndgrade) with lessons/activities which will be available Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> by 8 am.

I wanted to let you know what my plans are for the upcoming week. I am currently trying to update my website, but as many of you know the internet has not been working. My website should be up and running by Monday. I understand that many of you work full-time and I have made plans accordingly.

Each day there will be assignments in reading, spelling, writing, and math. These assignments will be posted on my school website at <https://williamss4.wixsite.com/2ndgrade> . The schools is asking that all work be turned in by March 30, 2020. My first question was how parents are supposed to do this. On the next page I will go into detail about these assignments. I will be using ReadWorks, which is a digital platform that promotes comprehension growth by supplying engaging passages and digging into them with high-quality question sets. These questions will immediately be sent to me when complete. I will give you a spelling list and students will do one spelling activity each day. This may be emailed to me in the form of a document or you may take a picture and email it to me at [williamss@bagdadschools.org](mailto:williamss@bagdadschools.org) . There will be a Daily Math Review of questions that cover standards we have already taught. I may also put a few practices pages on the website. Each day will show what is specifically due. Again this may be emailed or a picture taken. There will also be a daily journal prompt. If for some reason you are unable to email the document or picture please hold on to it until your child is able to return to school.

The next page will list expectations and procedures for assigned work. I am not assigning new material, but rather building on what we have learned. I understand that this is a trying time. Please feel free to email me at [williamss@bagdadschools.org](mailto:williamss@bagdadschools.org) with any questions. The district website also has many educational websites that may be helpful to you. Also remember that your children will be fine. We have the greatest parents in the world. You are already giving your child what they need by loving them, making them feel safe, and having open discussions with them. This is a perfect time to have them help you cook, learn to fold clothes, and help you with all the things they don't realize you do for them. Please tell all of them that I said hello and miss them terribly. I can't wait to have class again. I hope you have a great week!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Williams

## Monday

### Reading

ReadWorks-Assignment Who Wants a Spiny Snack? Comprehension Questions

Please go to [www.readworks.org/Student](http://www.readworks.org/Student) Class Code RBDSCS Password 1234

Students have not used this before. Each day there will be a new story. Please have your child read this at least three times. It does have an audio component if your child is struggling. They may listen to the story, but it is important that they read it on their own at least two times. Click on vocabulary and review vocabulary words. They will then need to answer the comprehension questions. Please remind students to go back to the story to find their answers. This will automatically be sent to me.

Reading Log-Continue to read 20 minutes each day. I have opened up the ReadWorks library to allow for your child to have access to thousands of digital passages.

### Writing

Journal Prompt-Students are expected to write the prompt and add an additional four sentences. Please remind them that they need to indent, use correct punctuation, have sentences that make sense and go along with the topic. Students should have a total of 5 complete sentences. This can be emailed by document or you may take a picture of it and send it to [williamss@bagdadschools.org](mailto:williamss@bagdadschools.org) if this is not an option just bring it in when school resumes. Prompt My Spring Break was wonderful because...

ReadWorks Writing Assignment-Please log in to ReadWorks again and go to Article of the Day. Students may choose the article they want to read. When finished they need to type at least two things they learned from the article and one question they have about the article. This will be automatically submitted to me.

### Spelling

I will have a spelling list on the website. Use this to do one activity each day. Again you may send me an email with the complete assignment. Monday-Write spelling words 3 times each

### Math

Each day there will be a Daily Math Review for students to complete. They have already learned this material, but may still need some help. Please feel free to help them if they are stuck. There may be an additional page to practice. If possible have them write the problems on another piece of paper. If they are unable to do this just have them write the answer. I really would like to see the work if at all possible. Of course with things like time I do not expect them to draw the clocks. Please label all papers you are emailing me like this

Susan Jones

Monday Math (or whatever assignment it is)

3/23/2020

Each day of the week will list what assignments are due. They will all be similar to this with new stories, pages, and activities. You should be able to use this outline to know exactly what to do. I want to make this as easy as possible for you. Please continue reading to see optional, but suggested online programs.

### Optional Supplemental Online Programs

Although these are optional, I strongly recommend having your child spend at least **15-20** minutes on each of these every day. Students have been working on these in class and should know what to do. I am going to give everyone their passwords in case anyone has forgotten.

Reflex Math- Many of you already know we have been working on this. Students have made great gains in their fluency and this is a perfect time to have them master their addition and subtraction facts.

iReady- Students also do this program every day. iReady is adaptive and allows students to work at their ability level. This program does not only focus on math facts, but also mathematical concepts that your child needs to improve upon whether this be below, on, or above grade level.

Reading Eggs-Reading Eggs makes learning to read interesting and engaging with great online reading games and activities. Your child has already been using this and really enjoys it. This program is also adaptive and works at their learning level. Students will know what to do once they log in.

**A list of passwords was sent in the original parent letter email.**