

Mrs. Sinichko's Kindergarten Distance Learning

Week #5: April 27-May 1

Monday is a true day off! To reflect that, there are only 3 reading and 3 math assignments this week! Our Zoom Read Aloud will be on Tuesday at the same time (12:00-12:30). At the end of the week, please take a few moments to complete this [Google Form](#) to share what you worked on (including uploading two samples of student work).

Any additional work is optional-- I've added a few new things like earth day activities and a penpal sign up! I also added a few new FAQs last week.

<p style="text-align: center;">READING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">You'll need...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs. Sinichko's recorded lessons Skills 9 Activity Book Skills 9 Reader "Zach and Ann"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MATH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">You'll need...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pearson Envision Visual Learning Videos Math Workbook (Volume 2)</p>
<p>Unit 9, lesson 5: Tricky words "where" and "no"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Watch Mrs. Sinichko's mini-lesson ● Complete workbook pg 31 and 32 ● No reader story today 	<p>Unit 11 Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete the "Reteaching" on pg. 669-670
<p>Unit 9, lesson 6: Uppercase letters I, J, K, L & M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Watch Mrs. Sinichko's mini-lesson ● Complete workbook pg 33 and 34 ● Read and Discuss: "Zack Gets a Pet" 	<p>Unit 11 Online Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Logon to Pearson.com to complete the online assessment. You can help read the questions to your student and help them navigate the computer, but please let them complete the test independently without feedback or cues. Thanks! Questions? Just let me know.
<p>Unit 9, lesson 7: Uppercase letters N, O, P, Q, R</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Watch Mrs. Sinichko's mini-lesson ● Complete workbook pg 41 and 42 ● No reader story today 	<p>Unit 12 Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete the "Review What You Know" pg. 676 ● Watch the "Animated Math Story" ● Cut out the vocabulary cards (as needed) pg. 677-684

Looking for optional learning opportunities?

Hands-On	On-line
<p>Spring Review Packet (PDF from Mrs. Sinichko)</p>	<p>IXL https://www.ixl.com/signin/aspenridge</p>
<p>Winter Science Experiments (PDF from by Mrs. Sinichko)</p>	<p>ABCYA.com https://www.abcya.com/</p>
<p>Practice Sight Words (flash cards, write the words in sand, build the words with playdough)</p>	<p>Scholastic Projects https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome/grades-prek-k.html</p>
<p>Spring Writing Activity (PDF from Mrs. Sinichko)</p>	<p>Mysteryscience https://mysteryscience.com/school-closure-planning#</p>
<p>Science Experiments Check out ideas from this blog https://cassiestephens.blogspot.com/2020/03/zany-scientist-week-combination-of-art.html</p>	<p>Celebrity Stories https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome/grades-prek-k.html</p>
<p>Real-Life Learning Help a grown up bake bread, garden, help take care of a pet, make a bird's nest out of peanut butter, seeds, and a pinecone.</p>	<p>Go on a Virtual Field Trip https://www.simplykinder.com/virtual-field-trips-for-kindergarteners/</p>
<p>Stay Connected to Family (Make a coupon book for a grandparent, video chat a grandparent and interview them to complete an activity). Take a picture and send them your thoughtful gift! (PDF from Mrs. Sinichko)</p>	<p>National Geographic https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/</p>
<p>Read and share Record yourself reading a story and share it with a family member that lives far away... or post it on the class' forum if you are feeling brave!</p>	<p>Find a cool new youtube channel to practice sight words or counting https://youtu.be/Zd7tuu6lxQI (Feel free to post on our website's forum if you find great resources to share with each other!)</p>
<p>Write a letter to a penpal Write some snail mail and send it to a family friend. Or, add your name to this list if you would like to have a penpal from school!</p>	
<p>Earth Day Activity (PDF from Mrs. Sinichko)</p>	

FAQS & Other Info

My child is flying through the lessons... is that normal?

All of our students are at different levels. If he/she is completing the assignments quickly and with ease, that was probably the case in class too. Usually, he/she would work on an early finisher box, complete an additional assignment, read, etc. with the excess time. What does this mean for online learning? Please still have your student complete the required 4 math and 4 reading lessons so that we are all on the same page... then, have some of the supplemental options ready to go. Maybe put together a bin of work that he/she can grab from and choose based on the current mood/interest. Please reach out if you would like additional help figuring out what supplemental resources could benefit your student. IXL and the documents I uploaded to the [parent resource](#) Google folder are all great options. (You will need to request access to the folder so that we can keep the resources for our classroom use only).

I have questions or my student would like to connect, when is the best time?

Emails and texts will get you the quickest responses. I usually have my phone nearby, though am trying to be mindful of ambient screen time for my toddler. Additionally, I am offering office hours every day. Click [here](#) to see them and signup for Thursday's Zoom office hours. (You'll need to request access because I have my personal cell on this document and didn't want it posted to the web :))

Do I need to complete all of the assignments on the Pearson website?

No. When I first started assigning math lessons, I accidentally assigned lessons from old units and unfortunately, can't remove them once posted. Please refer to the week's lesson plan to see what assignments are required (you won't see a lesson number, but it will correspond to the title, for example "math practices and problem solving."

Do I need to use the online resources for math and reading?

My recorded lessons and Pearson's visual learning are designed to help introduce the concepts for the day. If you are having technical issues, feel free to just complete the work in the workbooks.

Do we need to complete all the pages for every math lesson?

No. Students only need to complete the guided practice and independent practice. Here's how we use the page at school: As a class, we complete the guided practice (with heavy teacher/peer input) and then students try the independent practice. If they seem to grasp the topic, then I let them choose a math activity (like a color by number). They don't complete the "take another look" in class. If they seem to struggle with a particular concept, I'll send that page home. If they seem like they need extra help at home, you can set the "take another look" aside and come back to it another time after they have had a break.

Should we be keeping up on science and social studies?

In order to ensure that students are keeping up with the skills they will need to succeed in first grade, we are focusing our efforts on reading and math. As much as possible, we are trying to keep up with our usual pacing in these subjects. With that said, we do so much more in the class on a day to day basis. If you have time and energy to complete some of the supplemental science and social

studies activities, please do. We aren't requiring these subjects because we know that everyone has diverse availability, schedules, etc. right now. Feed these kids what they are craving at the rate that they/you can handle it, but don't put extra pressure on yourself. Do what you can, enjoy family time, and celebrate the opportunity for cool hands-on learning like cooking, crafting, fort building and all the other great activities that childhood has to offer.

Are live Zoom Read Alouds only on Mondays?

Yes. There is only one live Zoom each week. It will be Mondays from about 12-12:30. Please let me know if that time doesn't work for you and if there are a lot of folks with conflicts, I can look at moving it to another day. Join us weekly here: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/798891853>

*If you sign up as a member on our class website, you can post to the forum. You can share what you are working on, cool websites and resources you find, etc.