

Extension Activities

Hello parents, students, and teachers! As we dive into distance learning, I wanted to take a moment and share some links in case you haven't found them yet.

The educational community is really diving in and doing all they can to help you at home. Here are some of these links below:

- <https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/136186/celebrities-read-aloud-to-kids/> : This blog gives you a link to the YouTube channel, Storyline Online – a YouTube channel where celebrities read children's books. These webisodes are illustrated and provide a unique way of watching the story unfold. These short videos are perfect for a quick, engaging and fun story.
- <https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems/> : Mo Willems, famed author of the *Pigeon* and *Gerald and Piggy* books, is currently offering "Lunch Time Doodles", where he spends 20-30 minutes in a lesson on illustration (or whatever he feels inspired by that day).
- <https://kevinhenkes.com/about/videos-in-the-studio-with-kevin-henkes/> : Kevin Henkes takes you behind the scenes of some of his most beloved characters.
- <https://www.seussville.com/> : Explore the wonderful, wubulous world of Dr. Seuss!
- Social Media Following: If you aren't already, whether you are on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, I highly recommend following your favorite artists, illustrators, public libraries, creative parents' groups, or any other educational branch. Again, many children's authors and illustrators, as well as education groups are doing videos, read alouds, creative activities...etc. because of the unique situation we find ourselves in. They are trying creative and unique ways of creating fun and engaging mini-opportunities for students stuck at home. Here's some to follow!

I hope that you find these links useful! Reading is one of the most important skills to learn – and if we instill a love of reading for fun, then we know a whole new world of possibilities opens up. Happy Reading! -Ms. Kee