



ASD Virtual Support Journal

Autism Spectrum Disorder Program

Welcome to the Autism Support Services weekly journal! We want to stay connected to our students and families. This journal will be delivered weekly right here on the ASD Support Services website! Here you will find fun facts, links to new activities and a technology corner. Please be encouraged to read the articles with your son or daughter and complete the weekly enrichment activities.

Fun Facts... May 12 is National Limerick Day. National Limerick day pays homage to the man who made the short poems widespread — Edward Lear. Lear was an English poet known for his nonsense style, often writing with made-up words. He wrote 212 limericks, most of which didn't follow rhyming rules of the style.

Limerick-A five line poem that is often humorous.

Activity Challenge: Creating your own limerick poem! When complete draw a picture to demonstrate your poem!

*There was an Old Person of Chili,
Whose conduct was painful and silly,
He sat on the stairs,
Eating apples and pears,
That imprudent Old Person of Chili.*

Poetry by Edward Lear

What's Going On?

Hey DPSCD students! You might be wondering, "Why is everyone standing so far apart in the grocery store? The country is practicing social distancing to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Social distance is standing at least 6ft apart from other people in the community that do not live in your house.

Social Distancing



Please follow the link for a video on social distancing!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXUT62G-IcU>

Activity: Find household items and a tape measure. Line everything up to demonstrate 6ft!

Activity: Six Feet Family Walk. Grab a rope and ties in sections six feet apart. Hold the rope, one person at each knot, explaining that everyone is now standing six feet apart. Go for a fun walk through the neighborhood!

Mrs. Mekis Music Therapy

This week we are going to explore songs that encourage pre-verbal and emerging verbal skills. Get ready to sing some familiar songs!

Click on the link below for songs and helpful tips!

<http://www.coastmusictherapy.com/wp-content/uploads/Music-Therapy-Songs-for-Speech-Communication.pdf>

Mr. Hoopingarner Adapted PE

Play isn't all fun and games. Its also an important teaching tool. Through play kids learn how to interact with others and reach developmental milestones. Please follow the link for play ideas and other valuable resources!

<http://www.thegeniusofplay.org/>

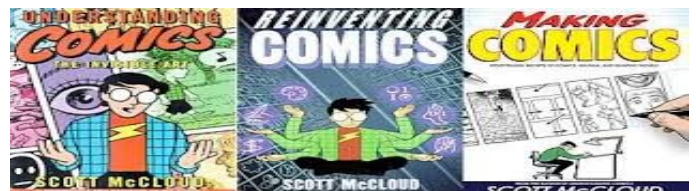
Mr. Williams Tech Corner

Comic Books can be a great source of entertainment for many people. Comics can be used as a teaching tool and a creative outlet to express emotions and communicate. During the Covid-19 pandemic, comics are serving as a means to stave off the boredom and provide information.

Students on the Autism Spectrum are visual learners. Comics are a great way to teach routine, inform or simply just entertain. Here are two FREE resources that can provide a creative outlet for our students.

Make Belief Comics (<https://www.makebeliefscomix.com/>) is a platform that allows students to make their own comics.

Weird Enough Productions (<https://weirdenoughproductions.com/covid-19-statement/>). Through the above link you can access their educational comics. They even have a comic series called The Uncommons with characters of color who have a big adventure!



This Week...

National Chocolate Chip Day is celebrated on May 15. National Chocolate chip day celebrates and enjoys sweet, tasty chocolate chips. Chocolate chips are a great invention, and certainly deserve a little recognition. After all, where would chocolate chip cookies, cakes and muffins be without the chocolate chip!?

Follow the link for a step-by-step video tutorial on how to make chocolate chips cookies!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiHiMXOeYU>