



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...Did you know that April 27 is National Tell a Story Day? On April 27th each year people all over the United States are encouraged to share stories. Whether it's read from a book, or made up one from your own imagination!

Activity Challenge: Write or draw pictures to tell a story. When your story is complete share with your family for a family story night!



What's Going On?

Hey DPS students! You might be wondering, "Why am I not in school?" The world right now has a virus named Coronavirus or (COVID-19). This virus can make people very sick. It is important to stay inside to not spread the virus. Wash your hands often to keep the germs away!

Handwashing Activity!

Please complete the handwriting step-by-step activity with your son or daughter for clean hands. Have your student use the visual as they wash their hands. Don't forget to read each step together! Happy Handwashing!



Mrs. Mekis Music Therapy

Music is a therapeutic way to ease stressful situations. Music can bring calmness or get you up dancing! Let's get jamming!

Activity: Upcycle common household supplies to create your own garage band! Let's start with a guitar made out of a cereal box! A perfect rainy day craft and activity. Follow the link for instructions!

<https://www.harristeeter.com/cereal-box-guitars>



This Week...

We conclude autism awareness month. In 1972, the Autism Society launched the first national Autistic Children's week, which evolved into National Autism Awareness Month. We continue our efforts to spread awareness, promote acceptance, and ignite change.

Please follow this link for activities you and your son or daughter can complete at home to celebrate autism awareness.

<https://www.familyeducation.com/school/autism/6-autism-awareness-activities-kids>

Additional Activities!!!

Please see our you tube channel for engaging lessons! Some featuring our awesome support staff!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/>



Mr. Williams Tech Corner

Technology can be a great tool to support our students' education, build skills and have fun! While we may not be in the fictional 21st century of The Jetsons (no flying cars...yet) we can still take advantage of the many innovations that technology can provide. In this week's Tech-Corner we are going to find out how we can use our mobile devices as tools of education and skill building. Check out our first lesson on setting up a "education" folder on our smart phone (Android version).

How to Set Up a Cell Phone as a tool for Education Part 1

<https://youtu.be/03Tl6Ffa1X4>

