

Dear Parents,

Here are some helpful **tips** and **links** related to your child's remote learning activities that have been posted on my Google Classroom Page and also for Reading Class

### **GOOGLE CLASSROOM PARENTS GUIDE**

Click on the **link above** to view an online slideshow for directions on how to get your child onto Google Classroom.

Please note that your child knows to use their school GOOGLE login to sign in on any device. Your child's google login will look something like this fake example:

*user: [GWizz20@eak12.org](mailto:GWizz20@eak12.org)*

*password: [Be140522](#)*

### **TIME FOR KIDS MAGAZINES**

Access the website at <https://www.timeforkids.com/>

*Students have full access to these article features ONLINE without having to log in by selecting their 5-6 edition. They also have a PAPER copy to annotate.*

*Click here to view HOW to do a close read and annotate*

*If students are asked to respond in writing to a text dependent question, they will need to use our RACCESS format. It can be found here*

Here are some helpful tips to navigate through the article online:

<https://api.timeforkids.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/How-To-Use-the-Website-Guide.pdf>

I HAVE POSTED THE LINKS DIRECTLY ON MY GOOGLE CLASSROOM page. They are also listed below for your convenience:

Time For Kids Magazine:The Problem Solvers Cover Story Article "Moving Mountains" p. 4-7  
[timeforkids.com/g56/moving-mountains-young-inventors/](https://www.timeforkids.com/g56/moving-mountains-young-inventors/)

Time For Kids Magazine:Gone Bananas Cover Story Article "Bananas At Risk" p. 4-5  
<https://www.timeforkids.com/g56/gone-bananas-2/>

Time For Kids Magazine:The Robot Will See You Now Cover Story Article "Meet Stevie" p. 4-5  
<https://www.timeforkids.com/g56/meet-stevie/>

Time For Kids Magazine:Best Inventions of 2019 Cover Story Article p. 4-7  
<https://www.timeforkids.com/g56/best-inventions-of-2019-2/>

Time For Kids Magazine:Choose Kind Cover Story Article "It's Cool To Be Kind" p. 4-5  
<https://www.timeforkids.com/g56/cool-kind-2/>

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## STORYWORKS MAGAZINE

Go to [storyworks.scholastic.com](http://storyworks.scholastic.com)

Click **Log in**, then choose “**I am a Student**”

When prompted, enter the classroom password: **cichocki5**

Scroll down and select **BOOKS UNITE US** December 2019/January 2020 Issue

### At Storyworks Online, you can:

- Read stories together on a computer or tablet
- Have your child listen to an audio version of a story while he or she reads along in the magazine
- Watch videos that go along with certain articles, and talk about what you and your child found interesting
- Have your child review new words with a vocabulary slideshow

Specific Articles:

#### **“I Live in a Refugee Camp.” p.4**

In this **nonfiction article**, you’ll meet Bilan, a teenager from Somalia committed to making the best of her time in an Ethiopian refugee camp. Ask: What “moments of joy” help Bilan get through difficult times? Through the eyes of a teenager growing up in a refugee camp, your child will learn how people become refugees and how their lives change as a result.

#### **“Silver Dollar Dreams,” p.10-14**

In this issue’s **fiction** story, Alex learns the importance of having “silver dollar dreams”—relatively small but still meaningful goals. Take turns sharing some of your own silver dollar dreams. Your child will analyze the character of Alex, a young boy who learns that achieving his goal requires first believing in himself.

#### **“The Eruption of Mt. Vesuvius” p.15-18**

“What happens when a volcano erupts?” Your child will learn knowledge building details about life in ancient Rome and about the historic disaster that ended up preserving traces of it. As an added bonus, your child can read the **informational text**, “**The Lost City Is Found**” p.19. The article states that 3.5 million people visit Pompeii each year. Ask your child if they would like to go there if you were to have the chance? Why?

#### **“The Revenge of the Gods” p. 20-25**

*A Storyworks adaptation of the myth of Echo and Narcissus.*

Your child will read a **play adaptation** of a classic Greek myth, they will learn about traits of mythology and identify the lesson the myth teaches.

#### **“Is TikTok Good For Kids p.26-27**

The **debate** presents benefits and drawbacks of kids using the TikTok app.

Your child will read two letters—one from a girl to her parents explaining why she wants to use TikTok, and the other from her parents explaining why the answer is no.

#### **“Snail at Moonrise” p.29**

A **poem** describes the nocturnal life of a snail. In this poem, your child will analyze descriptive language while learning about the nighttime activities of a land snail.

#### **Alligator on the Loose p.2-3**

How did a 5-foot-long gator end up living in a city park?