We are here for you!

In this time of remote learning and sheltering in place, our children are experiencing a slew of emotions and responses. We are here for you, and encourage you to remember our guiding principles for remote learning:

- Less is more
- Patience with yourself and your child
- Relationships first

We encourage you to worry less about the learning that is not happening and focus on the learning that is happening during this new paradigm. How are we...

- Encouraging conversations about what is happening in the world and our emotional response to it?
- Encouraging social interaction (virtual game time, book clubs, hangouts) with friends and family?
- Encouraging the development of an interest? This could be a virtual world in an online game, a lego world, a deep dive into a series of books, the creation of a youtube channel, writing a journal, blog, novel, comic book, etc.
- Encouraging physical exercise, meditation, mindfulness?
- Encouraging communication with teachers about the projects that our children are working on? This helps to validate that their interests are important and that it "counts" as schoolwork.

Warmest regards to you and your families!
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Enrichment Activities

Check out the new GATE Enrichment Activities added to grades 2-8 on PowerSchool! These are fun critical thinking activities that progress in difficulty as you go. Students have the option of opening the activities on Nearpod to draw their answer, or they may print them.

Literature Resources

Go see our new Reading Strategies page on PowerSchool. We've included some useful tools to deepen your reader's understanding of the text. We also added a literature resource guide with gifted connections. Consider starting a google meet book club with a small group of friends and having the students use these questions as guided conversation starters.

Check out this list of new releases of the best in children's literature! Consider supporting our local bookstores by ordering them from Vromans or Once Upon a Time Bookstore.
Keep checking our Parent Resources page at pusd.us for articles, links, and previous parent workshops. We will be adding more resources as the weeks go by.
4 Ways to Help Your Anxious Kid

First, acknowledge ways the coronavirus has changed their lives.