

The Eagle Express



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Let's Talk!!!!

As we await the decisions of the governing bodies regarding the Pandemic, I trust that you and your family are taking the necessary steps to remain safe and healthy. Who would have thought that the 2020 school year would be as eventful as it has been? Things have really been different for us, things really changed and so drastically and quickly.

We were well on our way to having the best year ever and now there are so many uncertainties. The third graders will not have a test to pass, the 4th and 5th don't have to test, the Kindergartners nor the Pre-K students have to test and year end i-Ready scores are of no concern. Everything that we knew as normal has changed and now we are in the process of creating a new normal.

Throughout this process, we have learned a lot about ourselves. We have learned the value of the family, the educational system, the teachers and really how some things really don't matter. I applaud the cafeteria staff for providing breakfast and lunch each day for the students, without any complaints. I felt that our children would better profit from a feeding site at AW James and the staff stepped right in and made it happen. I applaud the custodial staff for deep cleaning the building while we have been out, teachers for providing meaningful lessons, Mrs. Brown for providing leadership in getting copies and having the lessons posted on our website by Mrs. Dunigan, District WebMaster and Ms. Steele for providing leadership and guidance to our parents and the students. We have a GREAT team and I am so proud of each of you. New lessons are available every Monday.

Parents, please know that you may contact us at the school via phone call, we are normally there between 11 and 1:30, or you may email us for any of your concerns. Ms. Akon – bakon@sunflower.k12.ms.us, Mrs. Brown – abrown@sunflower.k12.ms.us or Ms. Steele – bsteale@sunflower.k12.ms.us

You may also text us through School Status, the system that we use to contact you. Be safe and healthy and please know that we miss you all! This too shall pass!

Barbara C. Akon
Principal



Mission

To provide a clean, safe,
and orderly environment that is
conductive to student
achievement and growth.



Vision

We envision our school as a
"Successful or (above rated) school.
We hold ourselves accountable for
implementing, with fidelity
teaching and learning processes
that will enable all students
to achieve academic growth.



THE ROAD TO SUCCESS IS
ALWAYS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Congratulations to our Parent of the Year Barbara Thigpen-Barber! Every since her retirement last school term, Mrs. Barber has been an active participant in the school environment. She willingly lends herself to the betterment of both teachers and students. We appreciate everything you do to help continue the success of AW James.

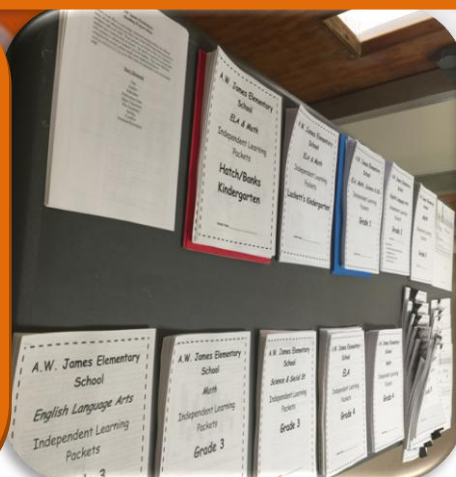


Food Service During
School Closure

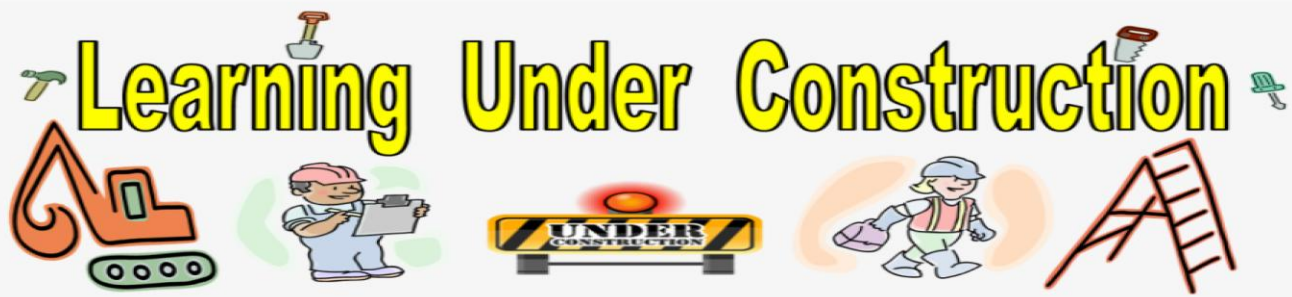
We want to give a shout out to our cafeteria workers and school attendance officer for making sure students receive meals during these difficult times. All students up to the age of 18 are welcome to pick up a grab and go breakfast and lunch Mon. - Fri. between the hours of 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. The program will end on May 25th.



Even though school is closed, learning is still taking place. All students should be completing lessons assigned in i-Ready for both Reading and Math, and Science in Study Island for 5th graders. If you don't have access to a computer, you may come by the school each week to pick up a learning packet. Please help us continue to help you!



Learning Under Construction



If you don't have a computer to access instructional learning or you don't have access to transportation to pick up packets from the school, use your cell phone or iPad to access our website at awj.sunflower.k12.ms.us. All at home assignments can be viewed on the website. Locate the link that you need, click on it, and review the assignments students are expected to complete. Please check the website to keep up with the most current assignments.

At-Home Assignments

Hatch's Kindergarten Class April 20-24
Luckett's Kindergarten Class April 20-24
Luckett's Kindergarten Class April 27-May 1

At-Home Assignments

- [AW James Reading Project](#)

Math and Science Assignments

→ [Instructional Resources](#)

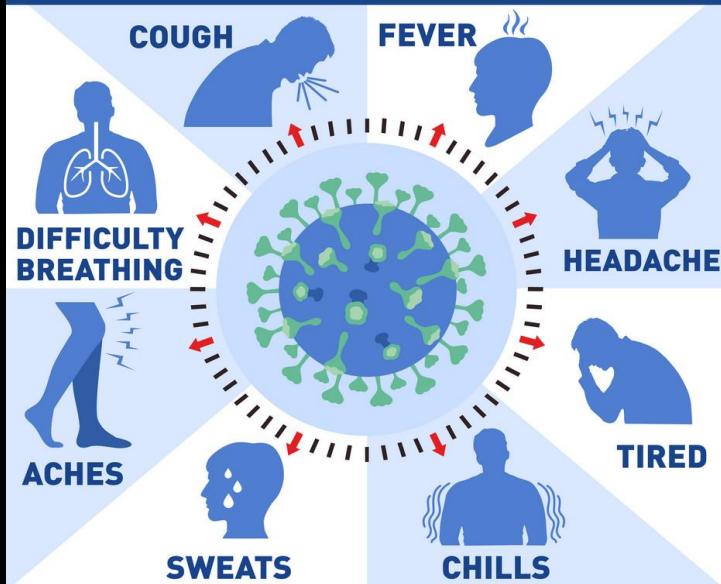
1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
ELA, Math, Science & SS April 20-24	ELA April 20-24	ELA April 20-24	ELA April 20-24	ELA Math Science April 20-24
ELA, Math, Science & SS April 27-May 1	ELA April 27-May 1	ELA April 27-May 1	ELA April 27-May 1	ELA, Math & Science April 27-May 1
	ELA May 4-8	ELA May 4-8	ELA May 4-8	ELA, Math & Science May 4-8
	Math April 20-24	Math April 20-24	Math April 20-24	
	Math April 27-May 1	Math April 27-May 1	Math April 27-May 1	
	Math May 4-8	Math May 4-8	Math May 4-8	
		Science & SS April 20-24		
		Science & SS April 27-May 1		
		Science & SS May 4-8		

Homework Assignments



Our time together as we know has changed. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, attending school has been suspended for the rest of the academic school year. Instead of thinking about the fear, devastation, and damage the virus has caused, think about the fact that you have been granted the opportunity to continue to live. You have the chance to spend valuable time with your family. You have also been awarded the ability to make you the best possible you! Keep in mind that this too shall pass! We miss you and hope you will make choices that will keep you safe.

SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS 2019-nCoV (coronavirus)



WHAT IS SOCIAL DISTANCING?

Social distancing is the practice of reducing close contact between people to slow the spread of infectious diseases. Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings, and cancelling events.

THINGS TO AVOID:

Group gatherings
Sleep overs
Visiting friends in person
Playing group sports
Malls/Crowded stores

Sporting events
Eating out at restaurants
Going to the gym
Concerts

USE CAUTION:

Order food for pick up/delivery
Get groceries
Pick up prescriptions

SAFE TO DO:

Exercise at home
Read a book
Go for a short walk
Do chores
Read a book
Build a blanket fort

Play in your yard
Draw or journal
Read a book
Group video chats with friends
Listen to/play music
Play with siblings



HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF FROM COVID-19? WASH YOUR HANDS!



1 WET
HANDS



2 APPLY
SOAP



3 SCRUB 20
SECONDS



4 RINSE UNDER
WATER



5 DRY WITH
CLEAN TOWEL



**CLEAN
HANDS!**

Coronavirus Prevention

Take steps to
protect yourself



Avoid close contact



Clean your hands often



Stay at home



Cover coughs and sneezes



Wear a facemask
if you are sick



Clean and disinfect