





James A. Garfield Middle School Alternative Learning Plan

Teachers at JAG place tremendous value on face to face learning. The activities presented in this learning plan are not meant to replace the face to face instruction. These activities are designed to engage students in learning that is meaningful and tied to our District Goals and Core Values.















Students will have flexibility in what learning activities they select.

- Check-in with the "Designated Staff" for each activity by sending an email to them before beginning that activity.
- You are required to complete a minimum of one clock per school day missed.
- Work required for some activities may span multiple days.
- Dual Credit students/CCP students need to follow the college or university plans.













Teachers will be available to support students completing their learning during normal school hours via email.

Item	Description	Recommended Grades	Time	Format
Breakout Edu - All subject areas	A collection of digital games that students can play at home. Email Mrs. Giammo that you are choosing to do this activity and which one you are completing. Send a screenshot of the completion screen to Mrs. Giammo. https://www.breakoutedu.com/funathome	7-8		
		Designated Staff ngiammo@jagschools.org		
Google CSfirst Coding	11 different coding Activities for all subject areas Go to: http://g.co/CSFirst Click "Sign in" in the top right. Click "I am a student" Click "Enter class code" Enter class code 3nx3cr From here, students can create a CS First account or use an existing one. Contact Mrs. Giammo with questions.	7-8		
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Science	Research a pandemic of your choice and complete the worksheet. shorturl.at/eimGI - Make a copy, complete & share with Mr. Paes when complete. Paper copy also available.	7-8		 
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Science	Watch youtube videos or read articles on Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin, and Albert Einstein. Complete the packet on background of each scientist. Write 2 paragraphs about which scientist was the most influential and why. Cite evidence from the articles/videos to support your answer. http://shorturl.at/etzGM Make a copy, complete & share with Mr. Paes when complete. Paper copy also available.	7-8	   	 
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Math Snacks	https://mathsnacks.com/ A collection of online interactive math games that can be accessed from any device. Log your time and write a 5-7 sentence paragraph about the math skills you practiced. You can create a Google Doc or write this on paper. Contact Miss Shafer with questions and to submit your work.	7-8		 
		Designated Staff - vshafer@jagschools.org		
Journaling	Pick one thing from each day to journal about. You can choose a song and what it means to you; tell me about your last video game and what happened; it could be about an argument you had with a sibling. Anything you write about will work. Write in Google Docs or on paper. Contact Ms. Lovelace with questions and share the finished product with her.	7 - 8	 to 10	 
		Designated Staff - jlovelace@jagschools.org		
Language Arts MobyMax	Sign into Moby Max and choose Language. Complete at least 5 sessions. Contact Ms. Lovelace with questions.	7		
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Outdoor Language Arts Activity	Go outside without your cell phone or other electronics. Take a walk, play a game, sit in the sun for one hour. When you go back inside, go to GoogleDocs and create a new page. Write about your activity. Use your five senses when you write. You can also write this on paper. Send completed writing to Ms. Lovelace.	7-8	 	 
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Social Studies (online or cable/satellite television)	Watch a full episode of Expedition Unknown on Discovery Channel or YouTube. Write a reflection about the episode; what was Josh looking for? How did he learn about the thing he was looking for? Who helped him? What problems occurred? Did he find it? Contact Mr. Gilbert with questions.	7-8		 
		Designated Staff - agilbert@jagschools.org		
Social Studies	Choose a Disney movie that includes a historical event or moment in time (Ex. Mulan, Sword in the Stone, Bedknobs & Broomsticks, Emperor's New Groove, Robin Hood, Davy Crockett, Zorro, Togo, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Pirates of the Caribbean.....) These are just a few examples there are many more that fit the description. While watching the film, note the time period & events that fit historical moments or events in time. You can make this a Google Doc or a written doc. Submit work to Mr. Gilbert.	7-8	  	 
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Language Arts	Complete above movie choice and after watching the movie, write an alternate ending. You can do this in Google Docs or on paper. Contact Ms. Lovelace with questions and completed work.	7-8		 
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Reading	Read a book of your choice and complete a reflection about what you read. Your reflection will include a five to seven sentence paragraph. Include the title and author of the book and the pages you read. You can share a Google Doc with Mrs. Maresh or write it on paper and turn it in when we return.	7-8		 
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Stress/Anxiety Relief-Breathing Exercises Grades	<p>15 minutes a day for 4 days</p> <p>To use the 4-7-8 technique, focus on the following breathing pattern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • empty the lungs of air. • breathe in quietly through the nose for 4 seconds. • hold the breath for a count of 7 seconds. • exhale forcefully through the mouth, pursing the lips and making a "whoosh" sound, for 8 seconds. • repeat the cycle up to 4 times. <p>Log your days and write a 5-7 sentence paragraph on how the breathing exercise made you feel. You can create a Google Doc or write this on paper. Send completed log to Miss Shafer.</p>	7-8		 
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Literature	<p>Commonlit: Read "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry. Answer the seven reading questions. Be sure to use the R.A.C.E.R. (Restate, Answer, Cite, Explain, Restate to summarize) when answering the two extended response questions. Answer the discussion questions as well. Submit completed work to Mrs. Maresh.</p>	7	  	 
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Social Studies	<p>Finish Renaissance Packet papers. Submit completed work to Mr. Gilbert.</p>	7		
		Designated Staff - agilbert@jagschools.org		
Band: Concert Selections Practice	<p>Systematically work through concert selections for rhythmic and pitch accuracy. Tone, tempo, dynamics, and style should all be considered as you prepare this music for performance.</p> <p>Email: tcebulla@jagschools.org to log your practice time of a minimum of 30 minutes per missed school day, and to briefly describe areas of concentration (What songs? What measures? What did you improve?). Students logging a total of 9 practice days</p>	7-8	 	












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	will earn credit for this activity. Please email Mr. Cebulla with any questions. Be prepared to demonstrate performance progress upon return.			
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Oregon Trail	Play the Oregon Trail game and complete the questions attached. There is a link available and the questions in google classroom. The code is doty3tc . After entering the classroom you will be able to access the game and have a place to upload your answers. Contact Mr. Moser with questions.	7-8		
		Designated Staff - mmoser@jagschools.org		
iCivics	There are (4) icivics games that are located in a google classroom. Upon completion of these games you will receive a certificate. Take a screenshot or save the certificate to prove how well you have done on the games. The google classroom code is bccm3az . Contact Mr. Moser with questions.	7-8		
		Designated Staff - mmoser@jagschools.org		
NEWSELA	Newsela. Read two articles; answer the multiple choice questions and the essay question. Contact Ms. Lovelace with questions.	7-8	 	
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The Art of Zentangle	Examine the art of the "tangle" as you create an artwork that is relaxing and promotes a state of zen. Log into the Google Classroom for Zentangle and follow the instructions included. Your Google Classroom will also contain a link with music geared to assist in relaxing you. The code is dbqevrc . Contact Mrs. Gllmer with any questions.	7-8	 	
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A Bit of Normalcy with Mrs. Morgan	Continue w/ Regular Math Agenda using Ed Puzzle Videos & online practice with Math XL for School. Mrs. Morgan has the schedule of assignments.	7-8	 to 10	 
		Designated Staff - lmorgan@jagschools.org		
Niagara Falls	Use the time to Begin the Niagara Falls Research Packet on Trip Events. Instructions available from Mrs. Morgan.	8	 to 5	 
		Designated Staff - lmorgan@jagschools.org		
Short Story	Students will read the short story, "Rikki-tikki-tavi", by Rudyard Kipling and answer the accompanying questions. All answers must be written in complete sentences. Students will e-mail Mr. Pfleger at mpfleger@jagschools.org to enroll in the course. Hard copies are available for those who do not have access to the internet during this extended break. Once completed, students will be notified that they have earned the one hour of alternative learning.	7 - 8		 
		Designated Staff - mpfleger@jagschools.org		
Career Exploration OhioMeansJobs.com	Utilize OhioMeansJobs K-12 to explore three different careers. Email Mrs. Scirocco (sscirocco@jagschools.org) the three careers that you researched and what education is needed.	7-8		
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Gratitude Journal	Email Mrs. Scirocco (sscirocco@jagschools.org) 10 things that you are grateful for and why. Please be thoughtful! You may also submit a paper copy.	7-8		 
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English 9	https://classroom.google.com/u/0/c/MjQwNDA1Mjl2NTJa/a/NTMzNTQ2NjAzOTZa/details Eng 9 Create a Medieval Commercial Script for when they return. These students can also use the Edulastic AIR test preparation link to practice. Contact Mr. King with questions.	8	 	
		Designated Staff - dking@jagschools.org		
Make Art!	Create Art! Use any materials you have laying around at home to create a drawing, painting, collage or sculpture. Once you complete the project you will attach photos of it to the Google Classroom Make Art! The code is qmxfwva Contact Mrs. Gilmer if you have any questions.	7-8	 	
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Origami	Explore origami as you locate a pattern you would like to try and create it. Origami paper is not necessary, you can use any thin weight paper like printer paper or wrapping paper. Log in to Google Classroom using the code jaeiem3 There you will find Edpuzzle videos with tutorials or you may use one that you find on your own. Upload a photo of your artwork and respond to the reflective question to describe your work. Contact Mrs. Gilmer with any questions you have.	7-8		
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Holocaust Writing	https://classroom.google.com/u/0/w/MjQwNDA1Mjl2ODVa/t/all - Five paragraph essay on the Holocaust. -L.Arts WRITING. Email Mr. King with questions.	8	 	
		Designated Staff - dking@jagschools.org		
AIR Test Practice	https://classroom.google.com/u/0/w/MjQwNDA1Mjl2ODVa/t/all -AIR Test Practice with Class Codes- L. Arts Writing and Eng 9. Email Mr. King with questions.	8	 	
		Designated Staff - dking@jagschools.org		
Picture a Pandemic	What does your life look like while school is closed? Take photos of what you are seeing/doing during this Pandemic. You will attach these photos to a Google Classroom set up using this code v6cl4zk Include a description of each photo. Each photo must be different. You cannot take one photo and send it each day. Contact Mrs. Gilmer with questions.	7-8		
		Designated Staff - kgilmer@jagschools.org		
Health Packets will be distributed Monday 3/16/20	8th Grade: Cardiovascular/Circulatory System 7th Grade: Respiratory System Access slideshow on Google Classroom CODES: 1st period (5qe754j) 2nd period (caxe2wv) 3rd period (dnxtehl) 4th period (rwy276v) Watch the slideshow and fill in the blanks on the packet. Contact Mr. Bennett with questions.	7-8		 
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Mandalas (20 packets available)	Create a colorful and relaxing mandala. Follow instructions included in the packet that also contains a link for Google Classroom. You will post your completed mandala along with a written reflection on your work. Packets available from Mrs. Gilmer.	7-8		
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