From the Armstrong Library:

During this time of enforced separation, Armstrong Library resources provide many online options to help students maintain their skills, learn new things, and combat boredom.

1) Class link - three options are available thru class link from the library:
   a. First is the ebook option. Within that folder are 4 ways for students to read or be read too. Arbordale, TumbleBooks, and Capstone Interactive provide dozens of ebooks that in many cases can be read aloud by the computer. As they read, words are highlighted. TumbleBooks provides quizzes and other activities for students to complete to check understanding and increase skills.   These three companies are aimed at prek – 3rd grade. TumbleBooks does have ebooks for students in grades 4 and 5 that do not require sign out. They can be read online. The final option is SORA.   Each student, k-5, has an account with SORA that can be accessed by following the prompts. All students k-5 have been shown how to access these books, although younger students will have more difficulty remembering how. Please do not hesitate to email me for assistance at any time (jon_barleben@gateschili.org).
   b. Second is the Armstrong Library Resources folder with ten (10) separate resources in it. Students are very familiar with many of these. Pebble Go is used at all grade levels. Brain POP and Brain POP Jr. are well liked by students at all grade levels. Within BrainPop are quizzes and activities on hundreds of topics that students. The other resources are less familiar but all of them provide opportunities for learning. Again, please email me if something does not work or if you have questions.
   c. The EDU app which has recently been introduced to students. All students K-5 have an account. Their userid and password in most instances is the same – it is their userid for both. Once logged in, students can use the programs tab to create their own coding designs for use with the Sphero robot. While they cannot test their code until we are back together (or they get a Sphero Bolt or Mini) they can practice coding in a fun way.
2) The Armstrong Library Webpage, accessed from our home page, is also familiar to students and has other resources not yet integrated into Classlink. One example is Tinkercad which encourages students to design 3D models for possible printing on a 3D printer. All students K-5 have individual accounts within Tinkercad and have accessed them at school on more than one occasion. Tinkercad will also allow students to sign up for an account independent of school with parental permission.

Finally, our students can access Flocabulary.com and login to their own account. If they have forgotten their login info, please contact me and I will get it to you/them. Flocabulary is a rap/hiphop music-based education program that covers material in all learning areas. Within each video song is a test, a game, and other activities to assess and increase their learning. Most students find this very enjoyable. There are videos appropriate for students in k-12. If you try any of these resources and run into difficulty, PLEASE contact me as they are all intended to enhance your child's education experience.   I hope our separation does not last long and we can get back to regular schooling as soon as possible.

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