Distance Learning for Students with Learning Challenges
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Highlights from the Chat

Resources
- Great resource for active learning: www.activelylearn.com
- Books/reading:
  - Vooks is great: https://www.vooks.com/
  - Epic! Is also a great library source: https://www.getepic.com/
  - Reading A-Z: https://www.readinga-z.com/
  - Wilson Language/Fundations: https://www.wilsonlanguage.com/
- Math:
  - Phet Interactive Simulations: https://phet.colorado.edu/
    - Legos: can be used as math manipulatives.
    - The Math Learning Center: https://www.mathlearningcenter.org/
    - Didax: https://www.didax.com/
- Game/quiz-based learning platforms:
  - Kahoot: https://kahoot.com/
  - Flubaroo: http://www.flubaroo.com/
  - Gimkit: https://www.gimkit.com/
- Videos:
  - EdPuzzle not only enables you to stop a segment of a video and insert questions, but it has a large library of videos on many topics for students of different ages: https://edpuzzle.com/
  - Flipgrid is a fun resource -- teachers put in questions and kids can make a quick video. Can be used for responses to readings or videos: https://info.flipgrid.com/
- School schedules:
  - Prizmah: Center for Jewish Day Schools has a crowdsourced Google Drive with schedules - look here in Virtual Learning Schedules. https://drive.google.com/open?id=1YPV1cy1KtCHC1pb-XlyiwfIYdP_OLNmA

Questions/Requests
- Anyone have suggestions for middle and high school level math?
- Do you have tips on how to ensure consistency from teacher to teacher on Zoom classes?
- How can we make lessons hands-on if the kids don’t have access to a second device?
- How do we reach students who don’t come to Zoom sessions or turn in work? We don’t know what is going on at home and teachers feel helpless.
- Have you had any difficulty getting parent buy-in and support, and if so how have you managed that?
- Can you suggest an idea/show a slide for rules/consequences [i.e. when a student turns off their own screen and goes on their phone mid-lesson]
  - Answer: sometimes we ask the student to stay a few extra minutes after class or come early to practice following directions. We also work with the parents as partners to reinforce the same rules and discuss with the kids at home.
• How do you "supervise" school-organized social times (like lunch clubs) for kids?
• Ideas for virtual lunch clubs?
  o Pictionary on whiteboard
  o Hangman
  o Board games
  o Art activities
  o Show and tell
  o Book clubs
  o Exercise/sports
  o Kahoot
  o Tinkergarten: [https://tinkergarten.com/athome](https://tinkergarten.com/athome)
  o Different sessions led by teachers/community members (cooking, singing, yoga)