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Dear Parents,

The staff of Haddam Elementary School has created a list of practice activities for students who are absent from school. Parents no longer need to ask for homework packets for children who are ill or vacationing. All missed essential learning will be worked on at school. Long term illnesses will be addressed on an as needed basis.

The following activities are provided so that parents and caregivers can support student achievement while students are away from their classrooms. Parents are encouraged to pick two activities for each day that their child is absent.

1- Complete the usual weekly homework assignments that can be completed with materials at home; such as reading, spelling, and practicing math facts daily. (K-4)

2- Language Arts Reinforcement:

A) Have your child read books at his/her reading level. Children who are not yet reading independently should be read to daily. *Reading aloud is important for students at all grade levels.*

Have your child read and respond to the book according to the grade level expectation:

K- Talk with your child about the beginning, middle, and end of the story.

1st- Student retells, the story orally, or in writing including beginning, middle, and end of the story

2nd- Student retells the story orally, or in writing. Retell should include character, setting, problem/situation, and plot, or identify the main idea and supporting details.

3rd- Student summarizes in writing what he/she has read.

4th- Student summarizes in writing what he/she has read.

B) Keep a daily journal—have your child write about their experiences or create a story or poem.

C) Visit a website to reinforce Language Arts skills:

www.harcourtschool.com/menus/trophies/menu.html (password provided by school)

3- Math Reinforcement:

A) Have your child practice their grade appropriate math facts.

B) Have fun visiting websites to reinforce Math skills:

www.pearsonsuccessnet.com (passwords provided by school- grades 1-4)

www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/mathmagician/cathymath.html

4- Play a board game! All students would benefit from participating in board game activities. Games promote cooperation, teamwork, strategizing, and family relationships.

5- Explore other websites that promote refinement of skills and solid practice:

www.kids.gov

pbskids.org

www.internet4classrooms.com/grade-level-help.htm

We all want our children healthy and in school. But we, as a staff, realize that absences are inevitable. Please send your children to school when they are healthy and fever-free for 24 hours.

Respectfully,
The H.E.S. Staff

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Password for Harcourt Website

www.harcourtschool.com/menus/trophies/menu.html (password - farr)

Password for Pearson Math website: Individual passwords were sent home at the beginning of the academic year (check with your child's teacher, if needed)