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Technology Tools

Technology is transforming learning in today's classrooms by offering engaging, hands-on opportunities that promote student learning. How can you as a parent use technology to help your child at home?

Several educational apps and websites are available. To find appropriate apps for your child, visit <http://bit.ly/2enNrQn>. If your child needs help with homework, visit <http://bit.ly/1IS5X1a>. Does your child love problem solving and design? Use <https://code.org/> and <http://bit.ly/2exZOsD> at home to spark interest in computer programming. Wondering what coding actually means? Watch <http://bit.ly/20HB9D1> to learn more.

As you think about how technology is used in your child's classroom, consider asking yourself or your child's teacher the following questions.

- How is technology changing my child's education?
- What types of technology devices and classes are available to my child?
- What educational websites and apps are available to help my child?
- How do I know if a website or app is appropriate for my child?
- How can my child's teacher better communicate with me through an app?
- How can my child learn more about coding at home?

Flu Prevention

Now is the time to prepare for flu season. According to the Arkansas Department of Health, between 25 and 50 million people nationwide are infected with the flu each year, more than 200,000 are hospitalized and approximately 23,600 deaths are attributed to the seasonal flu. If your child needs the flu vaccine, several entities, including many schools, are offering flu vaccine clinics. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/2dCA25u>, or check with your local health unit: <http://bit.ly/2eDDhay>.

To learn more about the difference between symptoms of the flu and a cold, go to <http://bit.ly/1imEaUw>. Remember: If your child is running a fever, do not send him or her to school. Also, be sure to talk to your child about ways to prevent the spread of germs. For the most up-to-date information about this year's flu season, visit <http://bit.ly/10VBchj>.

When thinking about flu prevention, consider the following questions.

- What information about flu prevention can I share with my child?
- When should my child receive the flu vaccine?
- What are the symptoms of the flu?
- If my child gets sick, how do I notify the school?