

Linn-Mar Middle Schools Voluntary Instruction

April 13-17

8th Grade

Math- *Pre Algebra B*

Algebra and Geometry students, please check with your teacher

- Students should follow the order of lessons on their [google classrooms](#)
- Standard: 8.EE.C.7 Solve Linear Equations
- Concepts: Combine Like Terms, Combine Like Terms with Distributive Property, Two-Step Equations, Equations with Distributive Property, Equations with Fraction Bars

Mr. Meeks

Mrs. Tompkins

Mrs. Goodell

Language Arts

Language Arts Students,

This week you will focus your attention on similes and metaphors (RI8.4). You will review the definition of both terms in order to complete these activities in Google Classroom: a poem, cards, and a passage. Please email your teacher with questions.

Excelsior Google Classrooms:

[Mrs. Mullnix](#)

[Mrs. Redington](#)

[Mrs. Gaffney](#)

Oak Ridge Google Classrooms:

[Ms. Dinger](#)

[Mrs. Sylvester](#)

Science

This week in your [GOOGLE CLASSROOM](#)

Concepts: Forces, balanced forces, unbalanced forces, net force

Objectives:

- Students will investigate the relationship between forces acting on an object and that object's motion
- Students will be able to predict the motion of an object.

Standard: MS-PS2-2. Plan an investigation to provide evidence that the change in an object's motion depends on the sum of the forces on the object and the mass of the object.

Social Studies

This week's topic: Underground Railroad

Please email you teacher with any questions!

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Quentin Stark: gstark@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Justin Hajek: jhakek@linnmar.k12.ia.us

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Hannah Byrkeland: hannah.byrkeland@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Oak Ridge:

See [Google Classroom](#)

Excelsior:

See [Social Studies Website](#)

PE

Click on the link below to see activities for April 13-17.

PE CHOICE BOARD

The CDC recommends that children and adolescents ages 6-17 years of age get 60 minutes or more of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily. **We are offering opportunities to help you reach that guideline; however, please make decisions that best fit your family and child.**

Excelsior: Mr. Lovell, tlovell@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Oak Ridge: Mr. Matson, mmatson@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Mrs. Ray, aray@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Health

8th Grade Health-

Assignment about **health careers**

Please see your teacher's Google Classroom for instructions.

If you have questions, we are always available!

akloft@linnmar.k12.ia.us

mmatson@linnmar.k12.ia.us

aray@linnmar.k12.ia.us

TAG

Hi TAG Students!

Please see Google Classroom for this week's assignments.

Questions? We would love to help you! Email us!

marikaye.travis@linnmar.k12.ia.us (Excelsior)

JBrase@linnmar.k12.ia.us (Oak Ridge)

Reading

Please see Google Classroom for Reading activities for week of April 13-17. [Google Classroom](#)

This week's activities include: Power Up Minutes and Wonderopolis.

If you have questions, email your Reading teacher:

ksleezer@linnmar.k12.ia.us (Excelsior)

kiley.haines@linnmar.k12.ia.us (Oakridge)

Intro to French

French I students, please check with your teacher

Bonjour!!

-For your assignments this week please see our [Intro to French Google Classroom](#).

-There will be 2 short assignments: a story to read and answer short questions about and a Kahoot! Challenge to complete.

-Please email jhicks@linnmar.k12.ia.us with any questions you may have!

Intro to Spanish

Spanish I students, please check with your teacher

¡Hola estudiantes!

-For your assignments this week, please see your Intro to Spanish class section in [Google Classroom](#)

-We have posted 3 short assignments on a slide deck in GC (each are about 20 minutes long): a new Señor Wooly song, new SOMOS 1 Unit 8 reading practice, and a flipgrid speaking practice.

-Each teacher has also included optional enrichment resources on the assignment slides as well for students looking for more options.

If you have any questions please contact your teacher- we would love to help!

Gracias,

-[Srta. McNabb](#), [Sra. Pumroy](#), & [Srta. Tristano](#)

Office Hours for Intro @ Excelsior: M-F 1-2 PM

Office hours for Intro @ Oakridge: T/Th/Fri 10:30-11:30 AM, M/W 2-3 PM

Quarter Classes- *FCS*



State Standard 7.6: Demonstrate management of financial resources to meet the goals of individuals and families.

This week's focus is on financial literacy. The topics are: [comparison shopping](#) and [coupons/discounts](#). Activities can be printed off or submitted via [Google Classroom](#).

The instructors will check email each day and respond to questions.

10:00-11:00 AM Marcia Kreutner: mkreutner@linnmar.k12.ia.us (Excelsior)

2:00-3:00 PM Charlotte McDonald: charlotte.mcdonald@linnmar.k12.ia.us (Oak Ridge)

Quarter Classes- *Robotics*

Excelsior Students- Be sure you have joined the Google Classroom using the Class Code: nmo43t6

Oak Ridge Students - Mrs. Gapstur has added you to a Google Classroom. Please accept the invite.

Topic: Our topic this week is an introduction to various class topics. Activities will introduce the design process, how to write an algorithm, and a mechanical gear scavenger hunt. Please go to the Google Classroom to find the assignments.

Contacts:

Excelsior- scott.wynkoop@linnmar.k12.ia.us, Office Hours M-F 10:00-11:00

Oak Ridge- mgapstur@linnmar.k12.ia.us, Office Hours: M-F 1:30-2:30

Quarter Classes- *HSP*

Please see **Google Classroom** for High School Prep activities for week of April 13-17. [Google Classroom](#)

This week's activities include: Career Survey and GPA reading activity.

If you have questions, email your High School Prep teacher:

ksleezer@linnmar.k12.ia.us (Excelsior)

kiley.haines@linnmar.k12.ia.us (Oakridge)

Band

Excelsior and Oak Ridge Middle School band students should click on [this link](#) to access options.

Vocal

Please see your teacher's Google Classroom for this week's assignment. Assignments will be posted each Monday.

Singing Activities for April 13-17: Practicing Performance Music!

Standard MU:Pr6.1.E.8a Demonstrate attention to technical accuracy and expressive qualities in prepared and improvised performances of a varied repertoire of music.

Need help? Have questions?

Ms. Klein gina.klein@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Mrs. Luedeman wloedeman@linnmar.k12.ia.us

We will always be available to help every day from 2:00-3:00 PM.

Don't hesitate to email us! :)

Orchestra

Choose at least one of the following options to practice this week. If you'd like feedback, submit a video to your teacher by Friday.

1. An orchestra piece from class.
2. A piece you were working on in your lessons.
3. A scale you were working on at school.

See your teacher's website for further details.

Excelsior: [8th EX Orchestra Resources](#)

Oak Ridge: <https://sites.google.com/a/linnmar.k12.ia.us/ormusic/home/orchestra>

ELL

Please check our [Google Classroom](#) to submit and share your work!

ELP Standard 6-8.10 -- I can make accurate use of standard English to communicate

April 13th - April 17th				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Watch this short video on the use of adjectives.	Use a picture to describe objects. Click Here	Listen and draw what you hear. Then create your own and share. Listen Create Your Own	Read the paragraphs and highlight the adjectives used. Click Here	Find 10 objects and write your own sentences using different adjectives. Click Here

Contact information: brienne.arnold@linnmar.k12.ia.us
Office Hours: 9:00-10:00 and 2:00-3:00

Make sure to check your email!

School Counseling

Your counselors are available to help!

- Counseling Department Resources- click [here](#)
- Office hours will vary based on student needs. E-mail or call with requests.

** Counselors will not have access to their phones but they can check voicemail remotely.

EX counselors:

Mike Shipley	Student Assistance	319-447-3152 (leave voicemail)	mshipley@linnmar.k12.ia.us
Lindsey Starmer	6th grade	319-447-3254 (leave voicemail)	lstarmer@linnmar.k12.ia.us
Margaret Buonadonna	7th Grade	319-447-3138 (leave voicemail)	mbuonadonna@linnmar.k12.ia.us
Erin Gorman	8th grade	319-447-3131(leave voicemail)	egorman@linnmar.k12.ia.us

OR Counselors:

Jessica Deahl	Student Assistance	319-730-3559 (leave voicemail)	jdeahl@linnmar.k12.ia.us
Victoria Wanda	6A & 8th grade	319-447-3440 (leave voicemail)	vwanda@linnmar.k12.ia.us
Kim Woods	6B & 7th grade	319-447-3409 (leave voicemail)	kwoods@linnmar.k12.ia.us

If you are a student or the parent/guardian of a student who is experiencing a mental health crisis, such as self-harm, suicidal thoughts or actions, please call the Foundation 2 Crisis Line at (319) 362-2174 or 1-800-332-4224.

If the mental health crisis is causing a medical emergency, please dial 911 immediately.

Please dial 211 to be connected to a network of resources and services in Iowa.

Also available:
Katie Smith- Family Resource Specialist
319-730-3633 (leave voicemail)
katie.smith@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Library

The Destiny homepage for the library has many resources that may be helpful for students, including links to the Grant Wood Online Resources. In addition, students will be able to check out e-materials through Destiny using their network username and password.

Mrs. Kraus (OR) can be reached at skraus@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Mrs. Hart (EX) can be reached at khart@linnmar.k12.ia.us