

**Macomb Intermediate School District Instructional Technology and Distance Learning Department is proud to offer these free video conference programs for the 2022 - 2023 school year.**

Welcome back to a new school year. Please read the introduction for clarification about registering for a program, dates and times of this year's ASK and Interactive Programs.

The **ASK** programs are for students to read a particular book, journaling their responses to what they have read and prepare in-depth questions for the author/specialist for the distance learning program. An ASK session is designed for one classroom of students (30-35 students). We will be connecting a maximum of 2 - 3 classes per session/hour. Each session is 1 hour long.



The **Interactive programs** are spontaneous programs. No questions are required to prepare. Interactive programs are an engaging and all hands-on in which the student will learn as we go during the distance learning program. No books are involved only learning materials that will help the teacher prepare the students for the activities that will be done during the program. The programs are scheduled like the ASK programs with sessions that are designed for 2-3 classrooms (of students 30-35 students) per session. Each session is one hour long.

There will be a Q & A session during or at the end of an interactive program to see if students have questions about what they are learning. **IF** the teacher covers the subject with the students prior to the program then questions can be prepared for the program but there probably will not be enough time for all the student's questions to be asked or answered.

**Important Tidbits:**

**Check your school's calendar prior to registering for any distance learning program!**

Each teacher will need to complete their own individual registration so that they will receive the emails from me and that the materials are shipped directly to them and that we know who will exactly be participating in the program.

Make sure the programs are within your grade level and appropriate for your students.

Teachers will receive a container of materials. The container will include 35-chapter books and anywhere from 1-7 picture books (for group reading). A teacher supplement notebook will be included with information about the author or educational specialist, journaling and miscellaneous writing prompts, miscellaneous lesson, activities, and background information about the subject of the book. Sometimes a DVD or a poster may be included in the container of materials in which will be sent to you about 7 weeks prior to the date of the distance learning program.

You the teacher / educator will decide if you want your students to participate in the distance learning programs. There are a limited number of teachers that can participate in them so it will be on a first come first serve basis. After you register for a program, you will receive an email from "misdDL@misd.net" that will let you know what your status is for that program. Please read your email **carefully** about your status for that program.

These distance learning programs are through the Zoom meeting software program only. Once you register for the program you will receive the Zoom meeting connection information about a week prior to the date of the distance learning program. At the end of this schedule is the Zoom Video Conference Guidelines.

The distance learning programs that are offered to you through the Macomb Intermediate School District are free to you, but they are not free for the MISD. The MISD does pay a fee to our authors and specialists along with purchasing the materials. Therefore, cancellation after the materials have been shipped to you will result with your name being put on a "naughty list". In order to avoid this, you will be notified with a **"reminder" e-mail** before the materials are to be shipped with withdrawal instructions and a deadline date to withdraw from the program. If I don't hear from you by the withdrawal date, I assume you are participating in the program and the materials will be shipped to you. It is important to note that we very much want your participation. We usually have a waiting list for these programs so others can participate if you cannot.

A lot of time and energy goes into preparing the schedule with the authors/specialists, preparing materials, and shipping materials for a lot of different distance learning programs for the school year not to mention moderating the programs on the date of the program. So please respect my time and energy in not using these programs just to register for a program then not participate in it just to get a classroom set of books. And please keep track of your materials and ship them back to me in a timely manner. Again, a lot of money, time and energy is put into the containers of materials and there are only enough containers for each program offered.

You must use e-mail if you wish to participate in this program. We use e-mail to confirm your participation, send reminders, and send Zoom connection information and to contact you with any updates or changes with the programs. Email we use for the Distance Learning programs is [misdDL@misd.net](mailto:misdDL@misd.net)

Your technology department in your school district is included in the emails that you receive. It is up to you and your technology department to contact each other to make sure the Zoom meeting can work in your classroom and to avoid any glitches on the day of the program.

To find out more about our Distance Learning programs go to:  
<http://www.misd.net/distancelearning>.

There is an short 14 minute ASK video about the program and process on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79JsJ\\_E9srY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79JsJ_E9srY)

If you would like to be on the Distance Learning Program Listserv (the ASK listserv is used the most) you can register at the web site <http://www.misd.net/distancelearning/subscribe.htm>. I will be using this to announce our programs and their availability with periodic updated schedules. The listserv is completely private and only used for MISD Distance Learning Programs.

If you have questions regarding the schedule, books/materials, authors or specialists contact Denise Jobe at 586-228-3415 or [djobe@misd.net](mailto:djobe@misd.net)

If you have questions regarding the video equipment, technology, software or bridging of the programs contact Brian Boudreau at 586-228-3422 or [bboudreau@misd.net](mailto:bboudreau@misd.net)

**Registration web page for any of the distance learning programs is [www.misd.net/dl](http://www.misd.net/dl)**

**Programs that are being offered this year include ASK and Interactive programs listed below:**

***ASK Program “Adventures at Walnut Grove: A Lesson about Teasing”; “I Double Dare You” and “Remember When” With author Dana Lehman***

Date: October 6, 2022

Sessions times are: 9:30 am – 10:30 pm and 10:50 pm – 11:50 am

This is for grades 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Description:** All 3 of the books from the Walnut Grove series are stories about friends that tease each other than learn to treat others as they would like to be treated. They encourage character development, personal responsibility, double dares which lead to some problems between the characters. Through all 3 of the books the characters overcome obstacles with each other and learn what true friendship is.

***Interactive Program “Core Democratic Values” with Educational Specialist—Retired Social Studies Teacher Nancy Domke***

Date: October 11, 2022

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

**Description:** This program is intended for students to introduce and learn the basics of the Core Democratic Values. You will receive a workbook for each student to use with activities and stories to help them understand what the democratic process is. Mrs. Domke is a retired social studies teacher that uses metaphoric symbols to teach the democratic values to the students that will help them understand in a simple format and have fun at the same time.

***Interactive Program “Melvin Fargo Writes to Argue and Persuade” with author Lisa Rivard - This is for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades ONLY***

Date: October 13, 2022

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am

**Description:** Writing to Argue and Persuade for upper elementary students— Very Little preparation for the students, they just have to know the basic principles and knowledge of these topics for the activities during the programs. This a wonderful opportunity for students to learn and review these topics for testing purposes and for their school projects. Mrs. Rivard will go through the book with the students and have interactive activities with them as well.

***Interactive Program “Melvin Fargo Writes to Argue and Persuade” with author Lisa Rivard - This is for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> ONLY***

Date: October 14, 2022

Session time are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

**Description:** Writing to Argue and Persuade for elementary students— Very Little preparation for the students, they just have to know the basic principles and knowledge of these topics for the activities during the programs. This a wonderful opportunity for students to learn and review these topics for testing purposes and for their school projects. Mrs. Rivard will go through the book with the students and have interactive activities with them as well.

***ASK Program “Willow” with author Denise Brennan-Nelson***

Date: October 18, 2022

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 pm; 10:50 am to 11:50 am and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Picture Book, 32 pages

AR Points 0.5, AR Level 3.2, Quiz No. 122519 EN; Lexile ADL620L

Genre: Juvenile Fiction

Subjects: Crafts & Games-Arts, Character Traits-Individuality, Fantasy-Imagination, Social Skills & School Life, Friendship

**Description:** Miss Hawthorn's room is neat and tidy, not a pencil or paintbrush is out of place. And that's how she likes it. And she likes trees that are colored green and apples that are painted red. Miss Hawthorn does not like things to be different or out of the ordinary. Into Miss Hawthorn's classroom comes young Willow. She doesn't color inside the lines, she breaks crayons, and she sees pink trees and blue apples. What will Miss Hawthorn think? Magical things can happen when your imagination is allowed to run wild, and for Miss Hawthorn the notion of what art is and what is possible is forever changed. Award Winners-Storytelling World Award/Honors

***ASK Program "Engineering the ABC's: How Engineers Shapes Our World" with author Patty O'Brien Novak,***

Date: October 20, 2022

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am

This is for grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Picture book, 32 pages

Genre: Informational; Non-Fiction

Subjects: Engineering; How Things Work; Science & Technology; Alphabet;

**Description:** Imagine a world without cars and computers, or toys and televisions, or movies and microwaves. Then imagine a world without engineers. Engineering the ABC's answers questions about how everyday things work and how engineering relates to so many parts of a child's daily life. In an entertaining and engaging way, this book shows how engineers shape our world. This book encourages students to HEAR, SEE & READ engineering!

***ASK Program "Stellaluna" By Janell Cannon with Educational Specialist from the Leslie Science & Nature Center affiliated with the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum***

Date: October 27, 2022

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>; Picture book, 48 pages

AR Points 0.5 ATOS Book Level 3.5 AR Quiz # 7193 EN, Lexile AD550L

Genre – Realistic Fiction, Adventure

Subjects - Nocturnal Animals, Birds, Individuality, Family, Friends and Friendship

**Description:** Stellaluna, a little brown bat, is accidentally dropped by her mother. The helpless baby falls smack into a nest of baby birds and is immediately accepted as one of the family. Stellaluna tries to fit in but keeps acting un-bird like; hanging upside down and wanting to fly at night. By chance, she is reunited with her mother and finally learns how to be a proper bat.

***Interactive Program "Spooktacular Story Telling" with author Johnathan Rand***

**Please Note:** This program is only for 2 classes per session with 45 minutes per session. This is so students can have a more interactive and in-depth experience per Mr. Rand.

Date: October 28, 2022

Session times are: 9:15 am to 10:00 am; 10:15 am to 11:00 am; and 11:15 am to 12:00 pm

This is for grades 5<sup>th</sup> and up

**Description:** For students, Halloween is all about storytelling. Whether it's through books, sharing spooky tales with one another, or the stories their costumes or extra props quietly convey. This program will help students to be inspired to open their creativity and imagination that will help them create truly spooktacular stories through their eyes along with their peers to fill in the details of their worlds with their own imaginations. This will introduce students to have fun while being scared silly with their own words. Mr. Rand will guide them through the creativity of storytelling with objects that you would least expect to use in a spooky story.

***ASK Program “Grace for President” and “Grace Goes to Washington” with author Kelly Dipucchio***

Date: November 3, 2022

Session times are 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Picture books, 40 pages

AR Points 0.5; AR Quiz No. 121418 EN; ATOS Level 4.6; Lexile 570L

Subjects: Realistic Fiction; Informational Text; Elections; School-Classmates

**Description:** Book #1 - Grace decides to run in her school's mock election, where she learns about the American electoral system and sets out to be the best person for the job, even though her opponent, Thomas, seems to be winning all the boys' votes. Book #2 On a school field trip to Washington, D.C., student council member Grace and her classmates learn about the three branches of the federal government, how school government operates, the qualities of leadership, and how to be a good citizen.

***Interactive Program "Tinkering with Forces & Motion" with MISD Science Consultant Paul Drummond***

Date: November 9, 2022

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Description:** Introducing a new interactive distance learning program that will enhance the learning experience for students in Physical Science while tinkering with recyclable and reusable materials. Students will work with team members, engineer and design an object that is balanced, has motion, discuss the design & redesign, collaborate, and reflect their understanding of forces. On the date of the video conference Mr. Drummond will go through an activity with the students. A pdf activity and some materials will be sent to you prior to the date of the program. Some of the materials will be provided for you.

***ASK Program “Night of the Twisters” with a Meteorologist from the NOAA Weather Office***

Date: November 10, 2022

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>; Chapter book, 153 pages

AR Points 4.0, ATOS Book Level 4.7, AR Quiz #628 EN, Lexile 790L

Genre: Science Fiction, Adventure, Action, Drama, Realistic Fiction

Subjects: Culture and Diversity, Character and Values, Friends and Friendship, Tornadoes, Grand Island Nebraska, Survival, Responsibility, Choices & Consequences

**Description:** Night of the Twisters is based on a true story of the night that nine tornadoes struck Grand Island, Nebraska in 1990. This fictionalized account follows three children as they struggle to survive the tornadoes. It is a fast-moving story that your students will enjoy.

***ASK Program “Leave it to Beamer: The Proof is in the Pudding” with author/illustrator Clay Boura***

Date: November 15, 2022

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am and 10:50 am to 11:50 am

This is for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>; Picture book, 38 pages

Genre: Fiction - Subjects: Idioms; Silly Sayings; Pudding; Mystery; Pragmatic Language

**Description:** "Leave it to Beamer" is a children's book series about a young boy, Beamer, who dreams up wild, imaginative ideas for where he believes English idioms and other figures of speech may have come from! And in the end, Beamer also learns the TRUE meanings of these silly sayings! The series is humorous, adventurous and educational all at the same time! In this 2<sup>nd</sup> book of the series Beamer imagines a mystery that takes place in the City of Custard. The town's favorite pudding factory starts losing business to an upstart gelatin store and so the mayor hires investigators to solve the case.

**ASK Program "Michigan Chillers: Great Lakes Ghost Ship" with author Johnathan Rand**

Date: November 22, 2022

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>; Chapter book, 204 pages

AR Points: 3.0; ATOS Book Level 4.1; AR Quiz No. 102018 EN

Genre - Fiction - Mystery

Subjects - Thriller-Ghosts/Spirits; Haunted Places: Cheboygan-Michigan; U.S. Coast Guard Cutter "Mackinaw"

**Description:** In Cheboygan, Michigan, Emilee, Brian, and Gavin are offered a unique opportunity by Gavin's Uncle -- a tour through the U.S. Coast Guard cutter "Mackinaw," a huge ship stationed near the mouth of the Cheboygan River. When the uncle left the ship to get something, the kids were left alone, and they think they saw a zombie sailor. This made them think they were on a "ghost ship". Outside on the boat the kids found more zombie sailors and started to try and get off the boat. In the end, the kids found out the whole thing was just a pretend haunted ship for a Halloween show.

Book #11 of the Michigan Chiller Series

**Interactive Program "Mechanical Linkages from Craft Sticks" with Teacher Artist Jay Mankita from Playful Engineering, a Make & Take Workshop for Students**

**Please Note:** This program is only for 2 classes per session. This is so students can have a more interactive and in-depth experience.

Date: November 29, 2022

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>

Subjects: Science; Engineering; Problem Solving; Play-Based; STEAM Powered Learning

**Description:** Mr. Mankita will guide and help students make a stick scissor that will use reverse motion and parallel motion with linkage mechanisms that can send a message, tell stories, or accomplish tasks. 99% of the materials will be provided for you.

**ASK Program "What Do Animals Do in the Winter?" with an Educational Specialist from the Buffalo Zoo. A new book is added this year "A Warm Winter Tail" by Carrie Pearson.**

Date: December 1, 2022

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, Picture book, 48 pages

AR Points 0.5; ATOS Book Level 2.7; AR Quiz No. 31032 EN

Genre - Nonfiction Informational

Subjects - Animals-Habitats; Winter-Habitats, Animal Life

**Description:** This is a look at animals all over the world, from the Monarch butterfly who flies from Canada to Mexico, to reindeer and whales who also seek warmer climates. Colorful illustrations help make this serious subject fun and easy to understand for the young child. The students will learn about animal habitats and how animals get ready for winter. The animals listed below is what the focus will be during the video conference with the Buffalo Zoo. *These animals at the Zoo help us to discuss strategies that animals use to survive cold weather (adaptations, hibernate, migrate).*

**ASK Program "The Adventures of Joe-Joe Nut & Biscuit Bill, Case #2; Mineral Mischief" with author Renee Hand**

Date: December 6, 2022

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am and 10:50 am - 11:50 am

This is for grades: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>; chapter book, 74 pgs.

Genre – Fantasy, Adventure, Mystery

Subjects – Rocks & Minerals, Rock Collecting, Mystery, Bullying, Detective Stories

**Description:** What would you do if you were surrounded by six scary lions, each the size of a motorcycle? That's the predicament in which Joe-Joe Nut finds himself as this book opens. After he and his partner, a duck named Biscuit Bill, solve that problem, they receive another call. Someone has stolen Maple Moo's rare and valuable gemstone made up of bentonite and neptunite. In addition to the fascinating story and the mystery element which will easily hold the reader's interest, there is a lot of information about rocks and minerals embedded into the text, plus several pages in the back with further material about different kinds of rock, a glossary, suggested experiments, and the rock cycle chart.

**ASK Program "Traders in Time" with author Janie Lynn Panagopoulos**

Date: December 9, 2022

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades: 3 - 5; Chapter book, 200 pages

AR Points 5.0, ATOS Book Level 4.8, AR Quiz 81737 EN

Genre: Realistic Fiction, Adventure, Michigan History, Historical Fiction

Subjects: Fur Traders, Siblings-Rivalry, Brothers, Time Travel, Metis-Indian Tribe-Michigan, Odawa-Indian Tribe-Michigan, Great Lakes History-1796

**Description:** Two brothers, Chris and Nick, go on a time traveling adventure. With the help of a turtle warrior rock and their new friends, Meggie La Framboise and her assistant LeClarie, Nick saves Chris from the clutches of an evil trader named McDougal. But the boys' adventures have only begun as they flee from McDougal to an Ottawa Indian camp and then on to Mackinac Island. Traders in Time vividly portrays the variety of people involved in the fur trade and brings to life the sights, smells, and drama taking place along the shores of Lake Michigan and at Fort Mackinac in the late 1700's.

**ASK Program "Winters First Snowflake" with author Cheri Hallwood**

Date: December 13, 2022

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am and 10:50 am to 11:50 am

This is for grades: 1 – 2; Picture book, 32 pages

Genre: Fantasy, Tales, Stories

Subjects: Stories in Rhyme, Snowflakes, Winter

**Description:** A beautifully illustrated story that is sure to capture the imagination of young readers and the young-at-heart. Follow along, with author Cheri Hallwood's unique style of rhythm and rhyme, as the first snowflake of the season comes to life through the illustrator's magical blend of soft pastels. Share in the anticipation as the North Wind carries this little snowflake on a whimsical and playful journey. This delightful tale is sure to become a keepsake for all ages and a seasonal treasure.

**ASK Program "The Book of North American Owls" with Educational Specialist from the Troy Nature Center**

Date: December 15, 2022

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades 3rd – 6<sup>th</sup>; Soft Cover Book, 64 pages

AR Points: 1.0; ATOS Book Level 6.7; AR Quiz No. 58193 EN

Genre - Non-Fiction, Informational - Subjects - Animals-Owls; North American, Science

**Description:** Everything you ever wanted to know about owls on the North American continent. Features the 21 specials of owls and all their vital statistics. Includes a detailed, illustrated glossary with maps showing residence and breeding ranges. "This is a balanced, entertaining, and informative selection. The second half of the book is a pictorial glossary of owls that highlights each of the 21 species that live on this continent; it includes good range maps, specific behavioral and physical facts, and calls. The attractive drawings, clean format, and generous size contribute to this appealing treat for nature fans." School Library Journal

The above program, ***"The Book of North American Owls" with Educational Specialist from the Troy Nature Center*** is also offered again on: January 12, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

***Interactive Program "Mechanical Linkages from Craft Sticks" with Teacher Artist Jay Mankita from Playful Engineering, a Make & Take Workshop for Students***

**Please Note:** This program is only for 2 classes per session. This is so students can have a more interactive and in-depth experience.

Date: December 20, 2022

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>

Subjects: Science; Engineering; Problem Solving; Play-Based; STEAM Powered Learning

**Description:** Mr. Mankita will guide and help students make a stick scissor that will use reverse motion and parallel motion with linkage mechanisms that can send a message, tell stories, or accomplish tasks. 99% of the materials will be provided for you.

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**Please Note:** This program is only for 2 classes per session. This is so students can have a more interactive and in-depth experience during the program.

Date: January 19, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>

Subjects: Science; Engineering; Problem Solving; Play-Based; STEAM Powered Learning

**Description:** Mr. Mankita will guide and help students make a stick scissor that will use reverse motion and parallel motion with linkage mechanisms that can send a message, tell stories, or accomplish tasks. 99% of the materials will be provided for you.

***ASK Program "Just as Good: How Larry Doby Changed America's Game" with author Chris Crowe***

Date: January 20, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, Picture book, 32 pages

AR Points 0.5, ATOS Book Level 4.9, AR Quiz 148948 EN, Lexile AD690L

Genre: Drama, Adventure, Historical Fiction, Biography

Subjects: African American Baseball, Larry Doby, Social Issues, Prejudice & Racism, Family, 1948 World Series, Color Barriers

**Description:** It is 1948, and Homer and his dad are baseball crazy. Today Larry Doby and the Indians are playing Game Four of the World Series against the Boston Braves! Which gives a play-by-play narration capturing all the excitement of that particular game - and the special thrill of listening to it on the radio with family at home. Homer, a young African-American who was banned from a Little League baseball team because he was African-American. Homer was told that besides Jackie Robinson Negro ball players were worth "spit." This game outcome reinforced to Homer that African-American people are just as good in baseball as anyone else can be.

***Interactive Program "Great Lakes Now" with educational specialist and author Gary Abud***

Date: January 24, 2023

Session Times Are: 9:30 am - 10:30 am and 10:50 am – 11:50 am

This is for grades 4<sup>th</sup> and up



**Description:** Find out how students can engage with the science of the Great Lakes and social studies of the region using a collection of blended-learning lessons and learning resources—created by an award-winning teacher—from Great Lakes Now & PBS Learning Media. The lesson collection includes standards-aligned activities and tasks that can be integrated into any middle-grades curriculum to add a Great Lakes focus to the STEAM teaching already happening in your classroom. In this program, you will learn how to utilize the interactive, digital and hands on activities to explore the physical features of the Great Lakes, as well as some of the contemporary issues facing their ecosystems. Special attention will be given to adapting learning activities for the remote teaching context.

Everything for the Great Lakes Learning lessons can be found at the web links below.

<https://www.greatlakesnow.org/educational-resources/>

And here you'll find teaching tips for remote learning and further ways to learn about the Great Lakes: <https://www.greatlakesnow.org/author/gary-abud-jr/>

### **ASK Program “The Mud Hole” and “The Snow Car” with author Arthur Brood**

**TENTATIVE:** Date: January 26, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, Chapter book, around 100 pages for each book.

Both books will be used for this program.

Genre: Realistic Fiction, Adventure, Historical Fiction, Michigan History

Subjects: Horseless Carriage, Classic Cars, Farm Life 1912-Michigan, Family, Honesty, Corduroy Roads-Michigan

**“The Mud Hole”:** Description: It is 1912 and Henry and his brother Robert are fascinated by the automobile. Their father calls the automobile a noisy smelly contraption. When the mud hole near their farm continues to trap automobiles, their father gives the boys the responsibility of using the horse to pull them from the mud. One adventure leads to another, but when the mischief goes too far what will happen to their summer plans? Through it all, Henry learns that honesty is more important than money and a job well done sometimes has its rewards. Book has "did you know" facts before each chapter.

**“The Snow Car”:** Description: A sequel to The Mud Hole. In the fall of 1912, eleven-year-old Henry is disappointed when an early snowfall threatens to keep the Model T parked in the barn for the winter. Known for his crazy ideas, Henry finds a way to keep the car out of the barn and himself behind the wheel. When an outbreak of influenza strikes the town, Henry and his "snow car" are put to the test. Will Henry's crazy ideas get him into more mischief, or give him the chance to show responsibility and courage?

### **ASK Program “The Story of the Curse” with an inspiring young author, Darien Belcher Jr.**

Date: January 30, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am - 10:30 am and 10:50 am – 11:50 am

This is for grades: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Picture Book, 38 pages

Genre: Fantasy, Fiction, Graphic

Subjects: Superheroes, Friendships, Evil Witches, Superpowers, Curses/Spells, Action/Adventure

**Description:** Join Lego Boy and Superhero friends as they set out to remove the curse that was put on the people who were once free. The Superhero friends will work together to beat the bad guys: Powerful Paw-Paw, Slimey Boy, and Crabby Boy. Will the Superheroes remove the curse in time, or will the bad guys defeat them?

### **ASK Program “A Polar Bear Journey” This is with an Educational Specialist from the Buffalo Zoo**

Date: February 2, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, Picture Books, Comic book for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
All books will be used for the program, as appropriate for student level.

Genre: Realistic Fiction, Adventure, Science

Subjects: Science, Geography and Map Skills, Polar Bears, Hibernation, Arctic Circle, Zoo Animals

**Description:** These books will help your students learn about Polar Bears and animal life in the Arctic. Through these stories students will be introduced to the concepts of habitat, predator-prey, range and more. The students will be able to see live polar bears that live at the Buffalo Zoo.

***ASK Program “Train to Midnight” with author Janie Lynn Panagopoulos***

Date: February 3, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades: 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, Chapter book, 179 pages

AR Points 5.0, ATOS Book Level 4.5, AR Quiz 81738 EN

Genre: Realistic Fiction, Adventure, Michigan History, Historical Fiction

Subjects: Underground Railroad, Fugitive Slaves, Slave Catchers, Family, Abolitionists, Time Travel

**Description:** Students will learn about life along the Underground Railroad by reading about the adventures of Malaika and her brother Sammy. The story follows these two brave youngsters as they escape slavery with the help of a Quaker couple and Daniel. The book leads them through Detroit to the Second Baptist church on Monroe.

***ASK Program “Who Were the Tuskegee Airmen” with educational specialist from the Tuskegee National Historical Museum in Alabama***

Date: February 7, 2023

Session times are: 12:45 pm to 1:45 pm and 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

This is for grades 4<sup>th</sup> and up; Chapter book, 112 pages

Genre: Informational; Factual U.S. History

Subjects: Tuskegee Airmen; Red Tails; WWII; African American Pilots; Segregation; Civil & Social Rights

**Description:** During World War II, black Americans were fighting for their country and for freedom in Europe, yet they had to endure a totally segregated military in the United States, where they weren't considered smart enough to become military pilots. After acquiring government funding for aviation training, civil rights activists were able to kick start the first African American military flight program in the US at Tuskegee University in Alabama. While this book details thrilling flight missions and the grueling training sessions the Tuskegee Airmen underwent, it also shines a light on the lives of these brave men who helped pave the way for the integration of the US armed forces.

***Interactive Program “Mechanical Linkages from Craft Sticks” with Teacher Artist Jay Mankita from Playful Engineering, a Make & Take Workshop for Students***

**Please Note:** This program is only for 2 classes per session. This is so students can have a more interactive and in-depth experience during the program.

Date: February 15, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>

Subjects: Science; Engineering; Problem Solving; Play-Based; STEAM Powered Learning

**Description:** Mr. Mankita will guide and help students make a stick scissor that will use reverse motion and parallel motion with linkage mechanisms that can send a message, tell stories, or accomplish tasks. 99% of the materials will be provided for you.

**ASK Program "Professor Tuesday's Awesome Adventures in History, Book Three: The Underground Railroad" with author Jeffery L. Schatzer**

Date: February 16, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades: 3rd – 5th, Chapter book, 208 pages

Genre: Historical Fiction, Adventure

Subjects: Time Travel, Underground Railroad-1800's, Slavery, Abolitionists, Friendship, Courage, Teamwork, Histories-Genealogical

**Description:** Jesse and Tamika want to learn about how slaves escaped to freedom along the western route of the Underground Railroad. However, there is sometimes danger in the past! Professor Tuesday wonders how he will keep them safe as they explore history in his magnificent Tuesday Teleporter until he gets a crazy and wonderful idea. But, do the two classmates have the courage to witness the terrors of slavery and the frightening run to freedom? They are able to go back to various times of the 1800's to find out the information needed for a school project and so Tamika can find out about her family history.

**Interactive Program "ESCAPE TO FREEDOM" with Judy Sima who is a 2nd generation Holocaust survivor.**

February 28, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am and 10:50 am to 11:50 am

This is for grades 4<sup>th</sup> and up

**Description:** Take a journey with Mrs. Sima as she recounts the story of her mother, Elsa Mosbach, and her escape from Germany during WWII. You will listen to her harrowing confrontation with the Gestapo as she begs for her father's release from Buchenwald Concentration Camp after Kristallnacht or the Night of the Broken Glass. Enjoy the confusion and misunderstandings as she adjusts to life in America as a new immigrant. Mrs. Sima will share a Power Point presentation of photos and documents and discuss her research and process for creating her mother's story. Plenty of time is allowed to answer student questions about the story and the Holocaust. Judy Sima is a second-generation holocaust survivor.

There is a 10 minute video for an introduction to the program at

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmN\\_lrjr69w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmN_lrjr69w)

**ASK Program "I Am Stumped" with author Lisa Rivard**

Date: March 2, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades: K – 1<sup>st</sup>; Picture Book, 29 pages

Genre: Juvenile Fiction

Subjects: Friendship; Social isolation; Respect for people; Cooperation.

**Description:** Aiden wants to play with his friends, but his name starts with the wrong letter, he's wearing the wrong color, and he's eating the wrong food. He's so confused that he's stumped! Lisa Rivard creatively shows kids how to get along and reminds them that *three is not a crowd*.

**ASK Program "Arnie the Doughnut" and "Hello Arnie" with author Laurie Keller**

Date: March 7, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades: K – 3rd; Picture book, 40 pages

AR Points: 0.5; AR Quiz No. 68979 EN; ATOS Book Level: 3.3; Lexile: AD600L

Genre: Fiction/Nonfiction: Fiction

Subjects: Award Winners-Publishers Weekly Best Book; Food-Misc./Other; Humor/Funny-Funny; Recommended Reading-Junior Library Guild Selection

*The author will do drawing lessons with the students and answer questions.*

**Description for "Arnie the Doughnut":**

At first glance, Arnie looks like an average doughnut. He was made by one of the best bakeries in town, and admittedly his sprinkles are candy-colored. Still, a doughnut is just a doughnut, right? WRONG! Not if Arnie has anything to say about it. Can Arnie change the fate of all doughnuts—or at least have a hand in his own future? Well, you'll just have to read this funny story and find out for yourself. This title has Common Core connections.

**Description for “Hello Arnie”:**

Arnie is excited to say hello to all his pastry friends in the bakery. There are all the usual confection suspects: Chocolate, Glazed, French Twist, Long John, and Crueller. But there is one pastry that he's never met before. This pastry looks nothing like the others. Hmmm. Who could it be? Spoiler alert—it's the Reader! This charming picture book introduces children to everyone's favorite doughnut through a series of questions that the youngest reader will love taking part in.

**Interactive Program “Mechanical Linkages from Craft Sticks” with Teacher Artist Jay Mankita from Playful Engineering, a Make & Take Workshop for Students**

**Please Note:** This program is only for 2 classes per session. This is so students can have a more interactive and in-depth experience during the program.

Date: March 9, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>

Subjects: Science; Engineering; Problem Solving; Play-Based; STEAM Powered Learning

**Description:** Mr. Mankita will guide and help students make a stick scissor that will use reverse motion and parallel motion with linkage mechanisms that can send a message, tell stories, or accomplish tasks. 99% of the materials will be provided for you.

**ASK Program “My Monster Truck Goes Everywhere with Me” with author Kathleen Marcath**

Date: March 14, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am

This is for grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Picture book 18 pages

Genre: Informational, Juvenile Fiction

Subjects: American Sign Language; Beginners ASL; Trucks; Toys; Friendship; Family & Relationships

**Description:** Every day brings a new adventure for Dylan as he plays with his shiny purple, lightning fast, loud as thunder Monster Truck. Dylan is also learning American Sign Language and knows how to sign the words for the colors and sounds of his favorite trucks. Each page is beautifully illustrated with one or more signs that parents and children can learn together.

**ASK Program “Journey Back to the Lumberjack Camp” with author Janie Lynn Panagopoulos**

Date: March 16, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades: 3 - 5; Chapter book, 170 pages

AR Points 4.0, ATOS Book Level 4.5, AR Quiz 81732 EN

Genre – Realistic Fiction, Adventure, Michigan History, Historical Fiction

Subjects – Lumberjacks, Lumber Camps, Bullies, Time travel, Great Lakes Lumber Era, Michigan History-1870

**Description:** This dream-quest adventure follows Gus McCarty from present day middle school back to the lumbering days of Michigan. This is a humorous tale of a young man's adventures with rough lumberjacks named Moonshine and Rat-hole Andy and life in a lumberjack camp. Students enjoy learning about life in the camps and the lumberjack vocabulary.

***Interactive Program “Mechanical Linkages from Craft Sticks” with Teacher Artist Jay Mankita from Playful Engineering, a Make & Take Workshop for Students***

**Please Note:** This program is only for 2 classes per session. This is so students can have a more interactive and in-depth experience during the program.

Date: March 21, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>

Subjects: Science; Engineering; Problem Solving; Play-Based; STEAM Powered Learning

**Description:** Mr. Mankita will guide and help students make a stick scissor that will use reverse motion and parallel motion with linkage mechanisms that can send a message, tell stories, or accomplish tasks. 99% of the materials will be provided for you.

***ASK Program “Weather for Kids” Students will be asking questions to an educational specialist from the NOAA Meteorology Office***

Date: March 23, 2023

Morning Session Times Are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am and 10:50 am to 11:50 am

This is for Grades: 1 – 3.

**Description:** There are a couple different books about weather from the National Weather Service for the students to use to learn the basics of weather and what meteorology is. Simple program for the younger students to get them curious about what weather is.

***ASK Program “Kids Everything Weather” by Kathy Furgang Students will be asking questions to an educational specialist from the NOAA Meteorology Office in White Lake, Michigan.***

Date: March 23, 2023

Afternoon Session Times Are: 12:45 pm to 1:45 pm and 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

This is for grades: 3 – 8. Paperback, 64 pages. Lexile®: 950L. Genre: Informational, Science.

Subjects: Climate, Weather, Science & Math, Earth Science. Series: National Geographic Kids: Everything Series

**Description:** Weather can be wild, freaky, and fascinating! How does it all happen and how do we know what we do? All kids need to know about weather, and all of its power will be found in the book. Packed with fun facts & amazing photos with an in-depth look at these amazing natural phenomena.

***ASK Program “The Breadwinner” This is with a Teacher & Refugee from Afghanistan, Khris Nedam***

Date: March 28, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am - 10:30 am; 10:50 am - 11:50 am and 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

This is for grades: 5 - 6, Chapter book, 170 pages.

AR Points 4.0, ATOS Book Level 4.5, AR Quiz 41702, Lexile 630L

Genre: Adventure, Historical Fiction, Action, Drama,

Subjects: Taliban, Afghanistan Girls, Women’s Rights, Kabul Afghanistan, War, Conflict Study, Diversity, Children's Rights, Children & Poverty

**Description:** Parvana is a young woman growing up in Afghanistan under the Taliban regime. Her father has been thrown out of the University and is earning money by writing and reading letters for people at the bazaar. When her father becomes ill, Parvana dresses up like a boy to help her family survive. This is a compelling story that will help your students understand what happened to women and girls who were not allowed to leave the house without being in the company of a man.

**ASK Program "Leopold the Lion" with author Denise Brennan-Nelson**

Date: March 30, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades: K – 2nd; Picture Book: 32 pages

AR 0.5, AR Quiz No. 181446 EN, ATOS Book Level 3.5, Lexile AD 560L

Genre: Fantasy, Fiction-Juvenile - Subjects: Animals: Lions, Growing Up & Facts of Life, Health: Family Life-Siblings, Family Life-Pets, Diet & Exercise, Humor

**Description:** When Jack and Ella come across a friendly and talented lion in their backyard they are thrilled to take him in as their pet. And they're positive they know just how to care for their new pet, ignoring Grandpa's subtle messages about how a lion should be taken care of to the children. But soon Leopold the Lion grows despondent and chubby. Even the circus who lost him won't take him back! Do Jack and Ella know what to do to get Leopold healthy again?

**ASK Program with Various Books with author Johnathan Rand**

Date: April 14, 2023 (a different book with each session is offered)

**Session One: 9:30 to 10:30 will be "Dollar Store Danny and the Dangerous Dinosaurs"**

This is for grades: 1st and 2nd, Early Reader Series, Chapter book, 48 pgs.

Genre: Action and Adventure, Fantasy

Subjects: Shopping, Dinosaur, Imagination

**Description:** Danny loves shopping at the dollar store with his mother because he never knows what he might find on the shelves. This time, Danny discovers a plastic dinosaur on the shelf, he soon finds out that it might be more than just a toy! Follow Danny on some of the wildest, craziest adventures imaginable with easy to read large font, short chapters packed with action and suspense with many illustrations.

**Session Two: 10:50 - 11:50 will be "Freddie Fernortner Fearless First Grader: A Haunting We Will Go"**

This is for grades 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Chapter book, 96 pages; ATOS 3.2

Genre: Action and Adventure; Mystery, Fiction. Description: When Chipper explains that a haunted house might be nearby, they decide to investigate. Just what is the mysterious shape in the window? Floors creak. Doors slam. It must be haunted! Join Freddie, Darla, and Mr. Chewy as they bravely explore the ruins of a haunted house in the woods.

**Session Three: 1:00 - 2:00 will be "Michigan Chillers: Mackinaw City Mummies"**

This is for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

AR Points 2.0, ATOS Book Level 4.0, AR Quiz No. 57363 EN

Genre: Fiction, Mystery

Subjects: Fantasy/Imagination-Mummies; Mysteries-Secrets; Natural Environments-Forests; Science Fiction; U.S. States/Regions-Michigan

Series: Michigan Chillers #10

**Description:** Josh and Robyn are cousins and they are looking for night crawlers at their cottage, just outside of Mackinaw city, so they could fish tomorrow. In the process Josh found a priest sign from a mummy. Out of nowhere a mummy came and took them to an underground tomb where he shuts the door on them. Josh was calling Robyn's name but she was gone! Josh discovers that she was taken by the mummy. As he gets out of the tomb and runs to go save Robyn, he has to watch out for other mummies. He runs into this huge room where Robyn was laying on a table. Josh climbs up a pole and he heard that they are going to mummify Robyn. Has Robyn become a mummy or is Josh going to save her?

**Interactive Program "Let's Talk Books" with MISD ELA Consultants Lisa Rivard & Liz Lietz**

Date: April 18, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am and 10:50 am to 11:50 am

For Grades: 3<sup>rd</sup> and up

**Description:** This program is completely spontaneous and interactive program where the students will talk with others about what books they have read, why they read it and what their opinions were/are of the books they read. This is also for students to share their reading lists with others.

***ASK Program “Mackinac Passage: Mystery at Round Island Light” with author Robert Lytle***

Date: April 28, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am and 10:50 am to 11:50 am

This is for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>; Chapter book 151 pages; #4 of the Mackinac Passage Series

Lexile: 770L

Genre: Adventure, Mystery, Historical Fiction, Michigan History

Subjects: Lighthouses, Mackinac Island, Friendship, Round Island Lighthouse, Ghosts, Courage

**Description:** Pete and his friends on Michigan's Mackinac Island find themselves fascinated by the legends and rumors about an old lighthouse on nearby Round Island and about its former keeper, who may or may not still be a presence there. Intrigued, the four teens pack a lunch, borrow a dinghy, ride over, and explore-and then find their belongings scattered and a note telling them to go away. Instead of being scared off, they decide to find out what is going on and, in so doing, become involved in a dangerous robbery plot.

***ASK Program “Fires in the Wilderness: A Story of the Civilian Conservation Corps Boys” with author Jeffery L. Schatzer***

Date: May 12, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am - 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am

This is for grades: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, Chapter book, 170 pages

Genre: Historical Fiction, Adventure

Subjects: Great Depression 1929; Bullies; Wildfires; Maturation (Psychology); Polish Americans; Upper Peninsula (Mich.); U.S. Army; CCC: Franklin D. Roosevelt

**Description:** It's the Great Depression, and times are hard. Children are starving. Families are scraping by on government handouts and the kindness of strangers. There is no work to be had and no money to be earned. Two brothers take action to save their loved ones they apply for jobs in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Through their work and struggles, the boys learn hard lessons about life and the importance of character, teamwork, and leadership. Fires in the Wilderness is an inspiring story that provides readers with a peek into the past through the eyes of an immigrant boy.

***ASK Program “The Whopper of Whoopee Lake” with author / illustrator Lori Taylor***

Date: May 16, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

The author will do drawing lessons with the students and answer questions.

**Description:** This is a fun whale of a fishing tale with fun games, and educational matter in the back of the books. The Whopper of Whoopee Lake is a lyrical fishing tale about two friends who set out to catch a big fish and go through twists and turns to bring back a whale of a tale.

***ASK Program “The Wall” with a Vietnam Veteran, Gordy Bourland***

Date: May 25, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

This is for grades: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, Picture books, 32 pages

AR Points 0.5, ATOS Book Level 2.4, AR Quiz 32248 EN, Lexile AD270L

Genre: Realistic Fiction, Historical Fiction, Drama

Subjects: Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Military & War, Family, Memorial Day, "The Wall"

Memorial

**Description:** These simple picture books will introduce your students to the Vietnam Memorial, "The Wall" and will help you teach them about Memorial Day and Vietnam. Materials about "The Wall" and the Vietnam War will be included in the container of materials sent to you. Students will ask questions to Mr. Gordy Bourland, a retired MISD employee who served in the Vietnam War.

***ASK Program "A Cool Summer Tail" with an Educational Specialist from the Buffalo Zoo***

Date: June 1, 2023

Session times are: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 10:50 am to 11:50 am; and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This is for grades 2nd – 4th, Picture Book, 32 pages

AR Points 3.4, Lexile: AD700L; Genre: Informational Text, Nonfiction; Subjects: Animals-Summer, Animal-Adaptions, Heat-Habitats, Nature-Science, Seasonal Changes, Humans vs Animals, Compare & Contrast

**Description:** How do humans stay cool in the summer? A Cool Summer Tail tells us about all of the different ways that animals and humans alike are able to stay cool in the hot summer sun. The animals listed below is what the focus will be on for the video conference with the Buffalo Zoo.

These animals at the Zoo help us to strategies that animals use to stay cool (use water, dust baths, shade, burrows, adaptations, etc): Lion, Giraffe, Poison dart frog, Meerkat, Lizard (example: blue tongued skink), Tortoise or river turtle, Gorilla, Rainforest birds (examples: roseate spoonbill, scarlet ibis, and parrot), lesser hedgehog tenrec, Two toed sloth

**Below are a few guidelines for a Zoom meeting program through the Macomb ISD. 2022-2023. By now most students should be back in the classroom but if not, then these guidelines are for students who will be using Zoom from home.**

1. Using Zoom through the MISD is safe and secure! Brian Boudreau knows all the tweaks it takes to have a secure meeting. We use passcodes that are needed to login to the Zoom meeting. Brian and I both moderate the program to insure the program goes smoothly. We expect the student's to use proper etiquette during the program. If we see a student that has inappropriate behavior we will immediately put that student in the waiting room as sort of a "time out" or disconnect that student. Behind the scenes Brian and I have the control with microphones and participants which helps to keep the meeting running smoothly for all to enjoy.
2. There has been a lot of discussions about using Zoom from the homes. All we can do is forward the information to you, the teacher to forward to the students. We sincerely hope that the parents use discretion and help guide the students into using Zoom for educational purposes. We also request that the students do not share the meeting ID # or the passcode to anyone else for security purposes.
3. Teachers that register for the program need to be in the Zoom meeting as well. The program will run just like a regular program as if in a classroom setting. I will moderate the program and call on the teacher to have 3 of her/his students to ask questions at a time. 3 questions per round of questions per rotation.
4. We ask that the teachers have a student count for us and also help monitor their students' behavior while in the Zoom meeting.
5. We ask that students use their first and last name so the teacher will know who they are and that there are no "silly" names being used.



6. The students will be put into the Zoom waiting room until all the teachers and the presenter are connected in the meeting.

7. As always we try to give every student a chance to be heard. If the program tends to fade out early then we can end the program early. The presenter is prepared for this. But the many talks I've had with the authors and specialists is that they can interact, have writing or drawing activities and start a discussion among students to keep them engaged.

8. If you have a Zoom account and login to participate then all you need is the meeting ID# to join the meeting. But if you just click on the link for the Zoom meeting then you will need the meeting ID# and the passcode. Also Google Chrome is used for Zoom, Internet Explorer does not work with Zoom.

9. Also if you can instruct students to mute their microphone and keep it muted during the program that would be helpful for all of us. They can only unmute their microphone if it is their turn to speak.

I hope this answers many of your questions or concerns about the distance learning programs that the MISD is hosting for teachers and students. We truly hope you and the students do enjoy them!

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The easy to use registration page with easy to use pull down menus for any of the above programs is at <https://www.misd.net/dl/>

We look forward to connecting with you!