District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)

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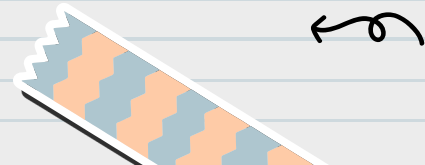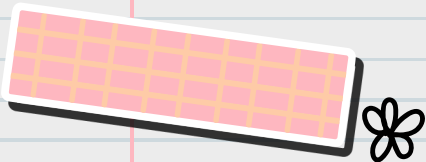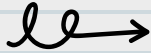
Resources to Support MLL Students at Home

Applications

FUSD has several applications that students have access to at home to support learning.
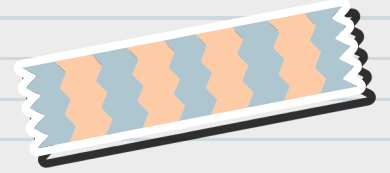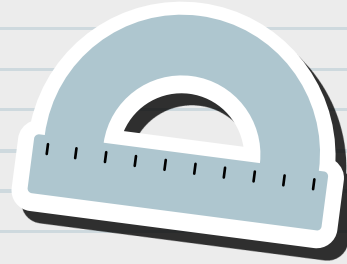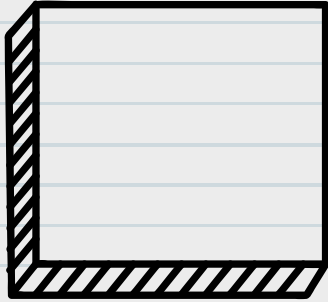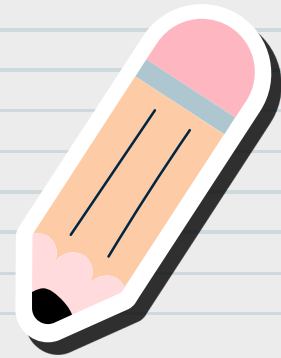
- Brain Pop (Grades 3rd and up)
- BrainPop ELL (support MLL)
- Brain Pop Junior (Grades K-3)
- I-Station (Spanish Immersion Only)
- Leveled Learning (Chinese Immersion Only)
- Newsla (Immersion Only)
- Lexia (elementary)
- Power Up/Reading Plus (secondary)
- i-Ready
- IXL (math support)
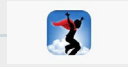
Students can access these applications through Clever or their Google accounts.   Sites also may have access to other applications as well. Tech tutorials show how to access the applications.

☆Library Resources
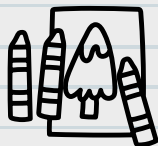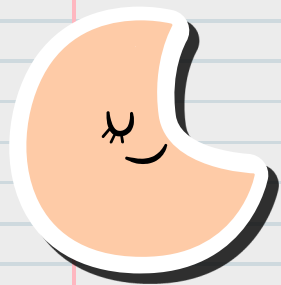
Resources through the AC Library

Online resources to help practice reading, speaking, listening and writing in English

Tutoring through California State Library

Online tutors available for subjects, a language lab, and vocabulary builder

Learning at Home

- Engaging with students either in the home language or English will support students
- Read books with your child and all types of literature
- Bilingual picture dictionaries will support vocabulary development
- Establish a study routine
- Encourage students to engage in any form of writing activities
- Establish family learning time
- Model reading for pleasure
- Audiobooks help develop readers and improve comprehension
- Learn English along with your student. Fremont Adult and Continuing Education offers <u>Free ESL classes</u>
- Encourage your student to explain their reasoning when solving math problems
- Play games that are language rich
- Expose students to other community resources such as museums, exhibits, farmers markets etc…
- Dedicate a time to discuss how each person's day went
- Help student prepare for quizzes or tests, ask them review questions

Websites for Kids to Learn English at Home

Fun Brain

- There are over 100 interactive activities here to help kids from preschool to grade 8 develop skills in English literacy. Not only that, there's a variety of books children can read directly on the website, such as "Diary of a Wimpy Kid".

- **Tip:** Have your child pick a game from the arcade section and practice reading instructions so they can complete games independently.

PBS Kids

- Featuring resources such as writing contests, videos, apps and digital resources for educators, children will never tired of the wide variety of activities on this website

International Children's Digital Library

- Featuring one of the largest collections of free books for children, the website has made it so that anyone can access their books, even without registering. Users can search for books according to language, age level and genre. You can sign up for an account where you can bookmark books and save your favorites for later reading.

- **Tip:** Have your child read to you (or vice versa) before they go to bed at night. If they find a book they like, have them read the same one for extra fluency practice.

Duolingo

- Duolingo's bite-sized English lessons are fun, easy and 100% free. Practice online with language courses that are scientifically proven to work. Students will start with vocabulary and basic structures and as you progress, you will learn more advanced vocabulary and grammatical functions.

- **Tip:** There is a Duolingo iOs and Andriod app and a flashcard app called Tinycard's to help prepare for tests and memorize vocabulary.

Story Starter JR

- Selected as one of the 10 best websites for writers by Writer's Digest Magazine, Story Starter Jr. generates a random story starter to get kids' imaginations kick-started and help them to create a story of their own.

- **Tip:** Use the story starters to create pictures with your kid to practice reading comprehension.
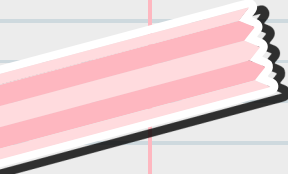
Scholastic Kids

- One of the biggest book publishers, this website does not disappoint. Separated by resources for parents and teachers, Scholastic Kids features activities such as reading contests, interactive scrapbook games and printables.

- **Tip:** Parents can start reading parent guides here to help their child get the most out of the resources on the website.

Websites for Kids to Learn English at Home (cont.)

ELLO

This site features over 2,500 lessons to learn English with video and audio lessons and learning materials not usually found in commercial textbooks. Students can listen to the audio, read the script, take a quiz and learn vocabulary.

- **Tip:** In the "One Minute English" section, students can watch short videos of speakers from around the world answering a question.

## Interactive Websites for Learning

- English Learner interactive websites for learning developed by University of Wisconsin-Madison with a long list of websites

Using English

- Established in 2002 is a general English language site specialising in English as a Second Language (ESL). There is a large collection of tools and resources for students, teachers, learners and academics.
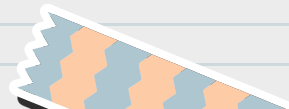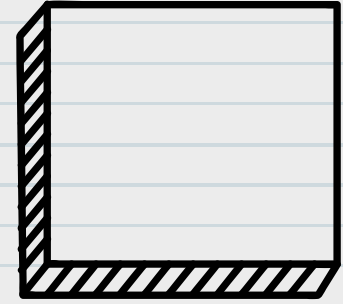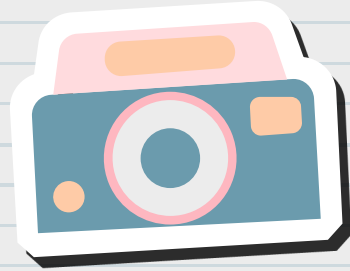
Pocket Talk Resources for School Sites