## Supporting Special Education Needs During School Closure

How can I support my child's learning over the summer?



## What is LEXIA and how might my child benefit from it over the summer?

All students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 have access to a FREE LEXIA license until the **end of July, 2020**. LEXIA is an online learning tool that supports students' reading development. Students complete LEXIA lessons at their level on a daily basis for 30 minutes (recommended). LEXIA monitors their success and moves them through lessons to develop their reading skills (sounding out words, comprehension). If your child does not have a LEXIA license and you would like them to have one set up, please contact our child's classroom teacher or the school Special Education Teacher before June 26 2020.

## If you have children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, you might be interested in visiting <a href="https://www.chs.ca/">https://www.chs.ca/</a>

Families can access topics such as:

- Accessibility Services
- Counselling Services
- Education Programs
- Hearing Healthcare
- Listening Accessories (available for purchase)

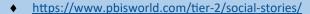




**Alternative Learning Menus** will remain posted on the board website if there are activities that you and your child did not get to yet. They can be found at www.ucdsb.on.ca—UCDSB Learn At Home.

## Suggestions from our System Special Education Team

- Continue to use visual schedules and timers when following daily routines and schedules
- https://www.autismlittlelearners.com/2020/06/getting-haircut-during-covid-19-story.html for social stories and visuals—this one is about getting a haircut!



- ♦ Life At Home During COVID 19: <a href="https://autismawarenesscentre.com/shop/autism/life-at-home-during-covid-19-e-book/">https://autismawarenesscentre.com/shop/autism/life-at-home-during-covid-19-e-book/</a>
- Ensure access to books and schedule reading time each day. Start a series and set a reading goal for each day! Celebrate the completion of a book
- ♦ Have your child listen to an audio book while following along in the actual book

If you have any questions about special education needs and school start-up in September, please contact your child's school Principal.

