

Extra, Extra – Read all about it!

Although Uintah Online purchases the majority of the curriculum from k12 – we think these extra resources available to you are Top Notch!

Online Writing Program: Let's face it, writing is a challenging subject! Uintah Online's Community Council has purchased writing accounts through this writing program for students 3rd – 12th. I will be loading your k12 composition papers into this program, so as a student finishes a K12 Composition Unit, he or she can type the final draft into this program. This will give you a great tool in helping determine how your child's writing is progressing. It will keep you organized, with all student papers collected online in one place for you to access throughout the year. It will also serve as one evaluation, available to help determine where strengths and weakness lie in your student's writing and how to help build on those weaknesses. *This is a site you will need to log into and be familiar with if you have a 3rd grader or above.* I will be emailing you the log in information for your child by mid-September. I do not have it ready yet, but I should have it up and running before you complete the first unit of Composition.

www.myaccess.com

Free Online Keyboarding Programs:

**We recommend that you start having your child practice keyboarding skills starting in grade 3.* Here are a few great FREE Online websites you can utilize: *bookmark the one you like, so your student has easy access. *PLEASE BE SURE TO LOG THE TIME YOUR STUDENT SPENDS ON KEYBOARDING IN YOUR OLS. I WILL ADD A SPECIAL PLACE IN THE OLS ATTENDANCE FOR KEYBOARDING TIME. IF YOU DO NOT SEE THIS ADDITION TO YOUR ATTENDANCE TAB, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

<http://nimblefingers.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/> (this one is my favorite for my 4th grader - an easy way to access this one is to Google "dance mat typing")

<http://www.typingweb.com/>

<http://www.freetypinggame.net/>

Class Website I work hard to keep information on our class website current and applicable. Please be sure to bookmark our class website and refer to it for extra help or resources. www.uintahonline.com We will be offering a variety of extra activities or incentives during the school year and I will always have information posted on this website. I also try to load class specific info here too.

Utah Studies – Students in Utah learn about our great state in grades 4 and 7. We have found the K12 state history course to be a little dry, so we have found another program called, Utah Studies Weekly. I have loaded all 4th and 7th grade students into the online content of this program. It is organized into weekly units, has an audio feature so the content can be read aloud and also includes weekly tests that can be completed online! This is a great addition to your schooling and I hope you find it fun and enjoyable. Please be sure to add attendance time in your OLS under your History course. If you are not enrolled in a “k12” history course, no problem – just email me and I will add an area for you to log attendance hours.

Follow the link below to log in: Username is student first name (no caps) password is “school”.

<http://www.studiesweekly.com/online/>

Animated Curricular Content – This site is an awesome resource to you! It has won many awards and was actually the first site listed in the Top Online Teacher Resources featured in NEA magazine, fall 2013. Use it to help your student understand and master an objective. You can simply search for a related topic – any subject any topic and brainpop will give a short animated video that will support your child’s educational understanding. It really is a great tool – check it out! *USE LOG IN INFO:

Username: USD

Password: Uintah

<http://www.brainpop.com/>

Utah Science Curriculum –Unfortunately, the K12 Science and the Utah Science Curriculum differ, and during mandatory testing, your child will be answering questions from the Utah Science standards. This website from the Utah Education Network is a great FREE resource to review what content the state science courses cover in grades 3rd – 9th and it also includes online lessons.

<http://www.uen.org/core/science/sciber/sciber3/index.shtml>

Pizza Hut Book-It program –This is a reading incentive program for grades K-6. You can enroll as a Home School family and Pizza Hut will send coupons and certificates for free personal pan pizzas. You are to use these as reading awards throughout the school year. The 2014-2015 deadline for enrollment is September 1st! Get enrolled today!

<http://bookitprogram.com/Enrollment/homeschool.asp>

Extra Online Resources and Help My colleague and UON's High School teacher, Mrs. Hays, has compiled an awesome list of resources on our school website. www.uonk12.org You will be able to find extra help or online content in every subject area. Be sure to bookmark this page for future reference:

http://www.uonk12.org/index.php?p=1_3

(if you have trouble with the link, just go to www.uonk12.org choose "educational links" from the side menu and then click on the button for "extended educational links"

Blackboard Collaborate This is a virtual classroom we can use to meet for a 1:1 tutoring session or online group activities. I schedule regular weekly meetings with some of my K-3rd grade readers. I also like to meet with other students off and on during the school year. If you find your student is struggling with a specific concept or objective, you have checked into the other online resources and you just need some extra help – let me know. I would be happy to meet through Blackboard Collaborate. A high speed internet connection and headset with microphone is needed. (I have some headsets available for check out from our school).

Online Preschool Program – We do not have an online preschool program, but the Upstart program is a free Online Preschool Program that I have heard great reviews of, in fact I even decided to purchase some of their K-2 curriculum for our K-2nd graders. Their space is limited and I am not sure of their enrollment deadlines, so please visit their website for detailed information.

<http://www.utahupstart.org/>

OFFLINE EXTRAS:

Swimming at the Uintah Community Center in Vernal:

UON (Uintah Online Navigator) students swim FREE at Uintah Rec Center – Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:00 -2:30. Sibling and parents are charged \$2.00. Please let the attendant know you are a Uintah Online student. *This is a GREAT incentive to use in encouraging your child(ren) to get his/her school work completed. Also, please be sure to log this time in your OLS under PE 😊

*please note that the “big” waterslides are not open during this swim time.

UON Socials

We hope to see you at one of our annual Uintah Online Socials! Specific information on socials will be sent to your email address from me, as the date for the social nears. 😊 Parents are expected to attend with their children.

Fall – Bluebell Corn Maze (Bluebell, UT)

Winter – K12’s Winterland of Gingerbread and Ice Skating (Vernal, UT)

Spring –Wasatch Front Activity (Wasatch Front)

End of Year Event – Movie, Pizza and Popcorn at the Uintah Library (Vernal, UT)