

E-Books

E-books are copies of books you can read on your computer. You can access thousands of books online and you can check them out on our virtual library.

You can access the books through the library catalog or Destiny Quest. Go to the site below using either way and begin reading!

Go to www.mpsaz.org/salk

1. Click Educational Websites
2. Click on Research
3. Click on Library Resources
4. Click on Search library catalogs from home
5. Click on Salk Elementary School

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On the **tab** located in the upper left part of the screen, click on **Catalogs to create an account.**

- **Video Podcast Tutorials** are available for using all the library resources on the Resources page.
- **Destiny Quest** is a MPS book club where you can share and recommend books to your friends.
- **Databases and Online Resources** including videos and places for research projects are also available on the Library Resource page and under the Research page on the Salk Website.

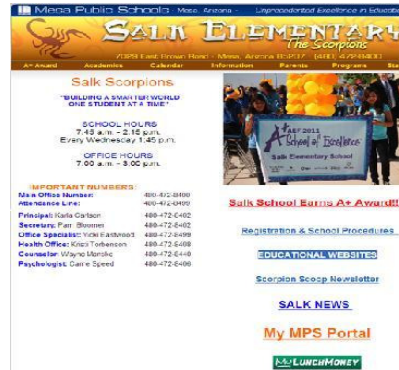


Salk School Technology

At Salk we use many things that are available to us using technology to enhance your child's learning. Most classrooms have Smart boards and/or a document camera. Some classes also use clickers and have Mobi devices. We have 2 computer labs which gives the students more time on the computers and each classroom has 3 computers available for student use.

Take time to explore our school website at www.mpsaz.org/salk which has a lot of information that can answer many questions on our policies, routines, links to the MPS Portal, LunchMoney, as well as what your children are learning and doing. It also has a calendar for upcoming events and a lot more!

Our **Educational Website** link which is on the main page of our site is a great resource for your students with a lot of links to educational games and resources for studying and learning.

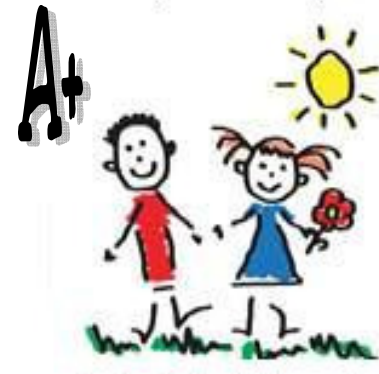


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Resource Pamphlet for
Students and Parents

<http://www.mpsaz.org/salk>



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smartmath

Smartmath is a math program used in the Mesa Public Schools that some of our teachers are using to supplement their math curriculum. Teachers will assign specific skill areas and students will work on these skills. As students progress, the problems become more challenging. If students need additional help, the program automatically detects this and gives supplemental assistance to help the student master the skill.

You can access Smartmath from home by going to our Salk website www.mpsaz.org/salk and click on Educational Websites and you will see the Avatar icon.

Username: The student's first initial, their middle initial, their full last name, and their birth month/day (e.g. Jtsmith1198) with no spaces.

Password : The student's 6 digit ID number.

TYPING SKILLS

Typing skills are very important for your child to learn as more and more things are done on the computers and teachers at the Jr. and Sr. high levels want things typed out. We work on typing skills from 3rd grade up but we don't have a lot of time.

We have a program that we are using that your student can practice at home and at school online now. This program saves their information and they continue wherever they left off on any machine. Go to our Salk Website and under Typing Games it's called **typingweb**.

Username: salk and their first name (e.g. salkdavid) (A few students will have a number after their name which they will know.) with no spaces.

Password: The student's 6 digit ID Number.



Acuity is a program offered by MPS for 3rd through 6th grade. Acuity is an advanced learning-based assessment system that helps teachers focus on the strategies that most effectively impact student achievement. MPS administers the Acuity test three times a year so that these assessments can deliver detailed insight to teachers on what a student's strengths and weaknesses are.

When scores are on these tests are calculated, skills that need extra attention are targeted by teachers. Students can go to the Acuity at home site and practice skills assigned by their teacher. These targeted skills focus on the individual student and by using the Acuity program, students can strengthen their skills in math and language arts (reading).

To access the Acuity Program go to our Salk Website and click on Educational Websites and you will see the icon for Acuity.

Username: The student's first and last name (no nick names), no spaces, no capital letters.

Password: The student's 6 digit ID number.



Some of our classrooms use the online IXL Math Program. They will have a username and password to get on and can work on it at home. If the class is not registered the program will give you about 20 free problems a day on a computer or you can register for a 30 day free trial.

MyMPS Parent Portal



MyMPS is your school-home communication tool. It is a program that allows parents to access information about their child. You can view attendance, grades, schedules, etc. To start your account you need to get an activation key from the school office. Then you can register online. If you have a child in more than one school you only need one activation key. You can access the Parent Portal on our Salk Website www.mpsaz.org/salk or at www.mpsaz.org/mymps.



My LunchMoney is a secure online payment system that MPS uses that helps you to manage your child's lunch's. Register online at www.mylunchmoney.com or click on the link on Salk's Website.



Mesa Public Schools has access to the Britannica Encyclopedia series online. This is a great site to find information for a research paper, help with homework, or to play some cool educational based games.

To access Britannica Online, go to our Salk website and click on Educational Websites, then click on Research and you will see the icon.

All usernames and passwords are the same for all students.

Username: mps4

Password: search



Other Available Resources

Open Office is the leading open-source office software suite for word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, graphics, databases and more. It is available in many languages and works on all common computers. It can be downloaded and used completely for free. It works similar to other Office Suite programs. Just go to OpenOffice.org for more information.



Safe Kids Search Engines

Google's OneKey, KidsClick, and Ask Jeeves for kids are some good kid friendly search engines. These can be accessed through our website www.mpsaz.org/salk clicking on Educational Websites, then Research.