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## A NOTE FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OFFICE

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Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during the virtual learning. I enjoy seeing many students during my daily read alouds!

The Er Sha library uses a website called Destiny. This website allows our community to search for books in our collection. We also subscribe to a number of databases. Databases are used by students in Units of Inquiry during research, and also are a great resource for nonfiction reading materials, including encyclopedias and newspapers. When you go to the Er Sha library homepage, you can access these sites.

Many of the teachers are assigning activities using our Destiny databases. Together with the library teaching assistants, Ms. Nicole and Mrs. Lee, we have created a number of tutorials to help parents understand the different databases on the Destiny homepage. The tutorials are in English as well as Chinese. We have created these for parents to get to know our library resources.

You may access the tutorials through the following links to the ES Media server:

- Er Sha Library Parent Coffee - Chinese <https://esmedia.aisgz.org/?c=644&k=db1a67762b>
- Er Sha Library Parent Coffee - English <https://esmedia.aisgz.org/?c=643&k=0bd142bc10>

Here are the first videos to watch:

1. "Video for Destiny" - This shows you how to access Destiny. Please log in with [escommunity/aisgz19](https://escommunity.aisgz.org).
2. "Destiny Intro" - This gives a brief overview of what you can see on the Destiny homepage.

Please note that several of our databases require additional login due to your location. Any login details for sites are on the Destiny homepage.

We currently are having trouble with access to PowerKnowledge from the Er Sha homepage. We will add those tutorials once the link is restored. There is not a video for NewBank (a news site) because

it needs a VPN to work.

If you have any questions about the databases or how to use Destiny, please feel free to contact Carolyn Jeziorski, our Elementary Librarian at [cjeziorski@aisgz.org](mailto:cjeziorski@aisgz.org).

When school reopens, I hope to have a parent coffee to showcase our Er Sha library and its resources. I hope to see you there!

Kind regards,

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