Positivity for Your Day

Activities for Creativity, Fun, Learning and Family Time

As the wife of a career Navy man, we spent some times when we weren't able to leave home. Nothing as drastic as our current situation though. These ideas have been compiled from various FB postings on groups to which I subscribe. I claim no responsibility for the accuracy of any information.

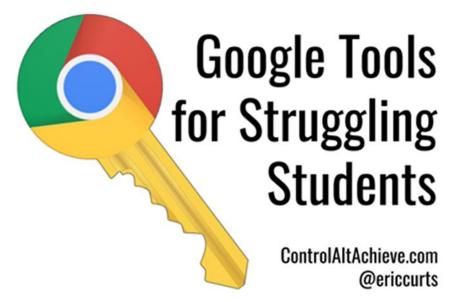
I do claim, however, that it is my intent to spread some fun and joy though! May God bless each of us now and always.



A Note for Parents/Guardians/Families

Copied from a friend who shared her friends message and words, she is a school psychology specialist. THIS Y'all, THIS!!!! *Dear parents with school aged children who are about to start day one of remote learning from an educator and mom: You might be inclined to create a minute by minute schedule for your kids. You have high hopes of hours of learning, including online activities, science experiments, and book reports. You'll limit technology until everything is done! But here's the thing... Our kids are just as scared as we are right now. Our kids not only can hear everything that is going on around them, but they feel our constant tension and anxiety. They have never experienced anything like this before. Although the idea of being off of school for 4 weeks sounds awesome, they are probably picturing a fun time like summer break, not the reality of being trapped at home and not seeing their friends. Over the coming weeks, you will see an increase in behavior issues with your kids. Whether it's anxiety, or anger, or protest that they can't do things normally - it will happen. You'll see more meltdowns, tantrums, and oppositional behavior in the coming weeks. This is normal and expected under these circumstances. What kids need right now is to feel comforted and loved. To feel like it's all going to be ok. And that might mean that you tear up your perfect schedule and love on your kids a bit more. Play outside and go on walks. Bake cookies and paint pictures. Play board games and watch movies. Do a science experiment together or find virtual field trips of the zoo. Start a book and read together as a family. Snuggle under warm blankets and do nothing. Don't worry about them regressing in school. Every single kid is in this boat and they all will be ok. When we are back in the classroom, we will all course correct and meet them where they are. Teachers are experts at this!

Don't pick fights with your kids because they don't want to do math. Don't scream at your kids for not following the schedule. Don't mandate 2 hours of learning time if they are resisting it. If I can leave you with one thing, it's this: at the end of all of this, YOUR KIDS' MENTAL HEALTH WILL BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THEIR ACADEMIC SKILLS. And how they felt during this time will stay with them long after the memory of what they did during those 4 weeks is long gone. So keep that in mind, every single day.



The link for the Google tools is: https://www.controlaltachieve.com/2016/10/special-needs-extensions.html?m=1&fbclid=IwAR3vw-mEybf-igDp4gaDQLetqIC1A8yqiw9-J0CS6_ipy_y6aGy_LGq7aug

For neighborhoods that have some way to communicate with their neighborhood – i.e. FB, nextdoor.com:

- Suggested scavenger hunts (great way to get exercise but keep social distance please!): Yesterday neighbors here placed shamrock in windows or on doors. Families went on scavenger hunt. Some posted pictures on the FB page or nextdoor.com showing what they had seen. Other scavenger hunts: rainbows, unicorns, bunnies, Easter eggs
- Some children painted rocks and placed them around the neighborhood. If someone finds them, they post a picture.

Other outdoor activities:

- Geocache
- Neighborhood chalk walk. Maybe after all the rain we could walk around the neighborhood (byoc=bring your own chalk) and color pictures everywhere. If you felt so inclined you could draw a puzzle, unfinished pic etc. on your driveway for others to solve.
- Lizard counting
- Bird identification
 - 1 2 3, How Many Birds Do You See?

Participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count Today thru Monday

The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual counting of the birds. For at least 15 minutes on one or more of the count days, simply tally the numbers and kinds of birds you see and go online to submit your report at gbbc.birdcount.org. It's that easy.

When you feed birds in your backyard, it shows that you value having a daily relationship with nature and that you are willing to take action to foster it. Your information becomes part of an extensive database that is analyzed by scientists to better understand important trends in bird populations, range expansions, habitat changes and shifts in migration patterns.

Visit Wild Birds Unlimited for more information and and to find the widest variety of bird foods and feeders to attract more birds for the count.

*The GBBC is a joint project of Cornell Lab of Ornithology, National Audubon Society and Bird Studies Canada. Wild Birds Unlimited is proud to be a founding and major sponsor of this annual event. Visit WildBirds Unlimited website: <u>https://www.wbu.com/</u>

• More for the birds:

Stay at Home FUN Bird-related Activities **Birdcams**

- 1. <u>https://www.allaboutbirds.org/cams/all-cams/</u> including WBU Barred Owl cam and Cornell FeederWatch Cam
- 2. https://www.audubon.org/birdcams
- 3. <u>http://palemale.com</u> New York City's Red-tailed Hawks

Take courses about birds

- 1. Cornell Lab Bird Academy https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/course-list/
- 2. Learn birdsong to identify birds <u>https://www.birdwatchersdigest.com/.../bird-identification-</u> id...

Articles

- 1. Brighten your day with baby bird pics https://www.audubon.org/.../brighten-your-day-some-sweet-baby...
- 2. The joy of birds <u>https://www.audubon.org/joy-of-birds</u>
- 3. Top 10 early signs of spring <u>https://watchingbackyardbirds.com/.../a.../early-signs-of-spring</u>
- 4. American Bird Conservancy's Birds of the Week https://abcbirds.org/birds/bird-of-the-week/

<u>Shows</u>

1. PBS Nature http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/

Movies

- 1. Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill
- 2. The Big Year
- 3. The Birds

- 4. Winged Migration https://www.sonyclassics.com/wingedmigrati.../index_flash.html
- 5. Suggestions from Birdwatching magazine: https://birdwatchinghq.com/bird-movies-films/

Netflix

- 1. Dancing with the Birds <u>https://www.netflix.com/title/80186796?s=i&trkid=13752289</u>
- 2. The Angry Birds Movie 2 https://www.netflix.com/title/81073593?s=i&trkid=13752289
- 3. NOVA: Bird Brain https://www.netflix.com/title/81121171?s=i&trkid=13752289

Amazon Prime

- 1. Counting on Birds: Tales of Migration https://watch.amazon.com/detail...
- 2. Wild About Raptors Birds of Prey https://watch.amazon.com/detail...
- 3. Hummingbirds <u>https://watch.amazon.com/detail...</u>
- 4. Citizen Science Projects https://www.zooniverse.org/

Educational Resources:

- Amazing resources: <u>http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/?fbclid=IwAR11rjgvI3iHQbim7WaW4A3VbOhlQ1jqSGt6YpoDfsJA</u> <u>BcGJDNb0Q5AbgKI</u>
- PBS resources: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/distance-learning-with-pbs-learningmedia-tickets-</u> 99418944740?fbclid=IwAR0VwzdFQfaUCCIMjR9I0-mJCuc_tOr_tEXGd2TRoywuIwXBBcgdqMRk-tA
- Educator lesson plans: <u>https://www.calacademy.org/educators/lesson-plans?fbclid=lwAR1gqF5_Touukr_UuzqiBF6GO14ALRp3--</u> vJ6rvIP7OjQdEctLZJtjTPMjc
- Science websites: <u>https://www.boredteachers.com/resources/40-science-websites-to-keep-kids-engaged-and-entertained-at-home?fbclid=lwAR27HDQv6InAN75tzisWmOBsIbElm90eFzBOm80x3thi4ScWGqEAvTzK0iU</u>
- Reading websites: <u>https://www.weareteachers.com/best-reading-</u> <u>websites/?utm_content=1584659401&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR1HXNqTgsSt3</u> <u>6tE6jJz70XjNzKd98AMSjIHsEB0yo_8busD7NV69cW0fk</u>
- Scholastic
 <u>https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html</u>
- Ted-Ed: <u>https://ed.ted.com/daily_newsletter?fbclid=IwAR0DldqJallSjonVGXRPBM4VQUlepNPRz0XH_rVjfv3jJj2UD60W7v</u> <u>24Mx0</u>

- Break packets Google drive: <u>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11Gn85SkOv1yGaZrzNOWvFJ_clshdUqgY?fbclid=IwAR1gdWrjl5lySwY-</u> <u>MFa4sDzcjBfp0m2VFbT8_1fGSwWjMWvCmKA27lgpLFo</u>
- Video creation <u>https://screencast-o-matic.com/</u>
- Thirty virtual fieldtrips with links: <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SvldgTx9djKO6SjyvPDsoGlkgE3iExmi3qh2KRRku_w/preview?fbclid=IwAR</u> <u>295xMoRWnCWUzHBdTz92mfZ4Zr76sEPV6QnYUwAfvCzf3UxVtxS5fa-qs&pru=AAABcQPjBRc*E3kHcGwJKIK-</u> <u>vjT7Nbahsg</u>
- Reading and writing activities
 <u>https://simplyskilledinsecond.com/2020/03/home-learning-3-weeks-of-reading-and-writing-activities/?fbclid=IwAR078no1UX8teexdZLKCgsBnvlcTwxG7hhgcllt1cqytxTNPt2oQ07XMSHg</u>
- NASA photos: <u>https://www.divphotography.net/nasa-makes-entire-media-library-publicly-accessible-copyright-free/?fbclid=lwAR3GAkD3hzqxFUI5DAt3I0o17YkoOrFlcFghzUkpobErtyLqwVv6tzSQiCs</u>
- Digital sources for home: <u>https://www.smore.com/n43rv?fbclid=lwAR1q8n22FvDSdSQABLXpwDK_ccmDNbeOGRXISmGj_ZfMFARppsXLsR</u> <u>ZIEm8</u>
- Educational shows on Netflix: <u>https://homeschoolhideout.com/educational-shows-on-netflix/?fbclid=IwAR10vrd5foVORIZCIWuMpDvZ3MGgGyzqoZZHq0zWS4b5nwFdYUcXyccriHs</u>
- Teaching resources and lesson plans: <u>http://teacherspayteachers.com</u>
- Smithsonian resources
 <u>https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/eight-digital-education-resources-around-</u>
 <u>smithsonian-180974430/?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=socialmedia</u>
- Education companies offering free resources: <u>https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/135609/list-of-education-</u> <u>companies-offering-free-subscriptions/?fbclid=IwAR3cHsybZJHDzfmPG4frao1A0Sh8pIK699-</u> <u>Q3kowpb8AXAP1YGZHFbsXBwk</u>
- Sources from teachers: <u>https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/?fbclid=IwAR14GU4mgaaSP5uqa4CMkoiMXX6DJTXH_TII4498VL2LhQPc KZptNq7im2k</u>
- Math website: <u>https://www.weareteachers.com/best-math-</u> websites/?utm_content=1584278640&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR1M40v2mDEcg
 <u>S_DATAkb_aqoWKJCQkvIIFPfywsNhRIjda-W8EueAHyTss</u>
- Educational shows on Netflix: <u>https://homeschoolhideout.com/educational-shows-on-netflix/?fbclid=IwAR3Ii4i15KlxGdpG6r7pXmGoi64_h5ii_l14yiYItOE4g1YHhcNJSSPtx8</u>

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FREE EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES SITIOS WEB EDUCATIVOS GRATIS

 www.starfall.com

 www.abcmouse.com

 www.abcmouse.com

 www.pbskids.org

 www.pbskids.org

 www.raz-kids.com

 www.coolmath.com

 www.coolmath.com

 www.scholastic.com

 www.discoverykids.com

 www.discoverykids.com

 www.ducksters.com

 www.switchzoo.com

 www.reading.ecb.org

 www.funbrain.com

www.storylineonline.net www.highlightskids.com

EDUCATIONAL FREE WEBSITES LEARNINCOLOR.COM

MATH

- Funbrain
- Prodigy
- Math Playground
- Splash Learn
- Math Game Time
- Khan Academy

SCIENCE

- Discovery Mindblown · Brain Pop
- NASA Kids Club
 Ted Talks
- Amazing Space
 PBS Kids
- Code Academy

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Crash Course (YouTube)
- Who Was? App/site
- Nat Geo Kids
- Google Earth
- Time for Kids
 - Smithsonian for Kids

OTHER

- Duolingo
- How Stuff Works
 Hello Kids (drawing)



APPS:

- Lively Letters
- Nessy Apps
 OGStar Reading
 Cursive Writing Wizard
- Simplex Spelling Apps
- Hearbuilder Apps
- Teach Monster
- Word Wizard
- bd Bakeoff
- Handwriting Without Tears-Wet- Dry-Try
- Snap Words
- What's Changed?
- Speechify
 - Zoo-Phonics
 - Preschool University
 - Name that Syllable/Rule/Cutting Pattern

GAMES:

- But Why
 What if World
 - Why in the World
 Tumble
 - Brains On!
 - **Stories Podcast**

PODCASTS:

kidslisten.org

WEBSITES:

- www.lexiaforhome.com
- www.nessy.com
- www.thisreadingmama.com
- www.readingrockets.org
- www.understood.org
- www.allaboutlearningpress.com

INDALS TUTORING

KEYBOARDING:

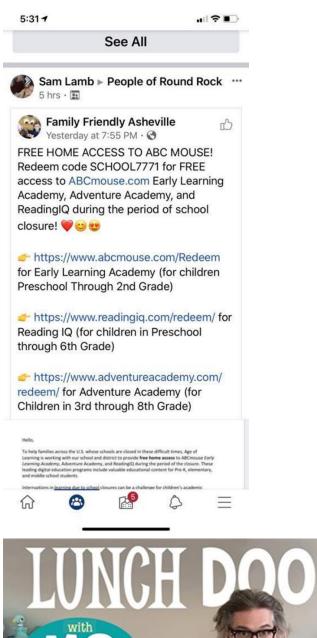
- Typing Club Keyboarding Without

AUDIOBOOKS:

- Learning Ally
- · EPIC
- Overdrive
- Bookshare
- RAZ Kids
- Readworks NLS for blind &
- print disabled

Spot It Boggle, Scrabble My First Banangrams Apples to Apples Washington Reads Cardgames

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Watch Lunch Doodles here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MjaYnyCJDdU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3966JHh96dFyh850iDGtOfU 7UGmaWchboHewA0CRMdIWwvGYhzRf2mkyQ

This next bunch is from a teacher/home schooler in my neighborhood:

A few things to remember, this is a PERFECT time to make memories with your children and learn things beyond "normal" math and reading.

This is a great time to really help your child dig in and spend hours doing or learning something that they love or are passionate about.

Don't forget that there are TONS of documentaries on the streaming services that they might enjoy and learn a lot from.

Here are links that I have gathered to TONS of free fun learning options for all ages from toddlers to AP students to adults. Some are always free and some are only free during this current situation \mathbb{P}

I am making this post public, so feel free to share it far and wide. (a) If you know of a resource for FREE education (either permanent or only during this time) add to the list or email me: pkbeachy@att.net .

- The San Diego Zoo has a website just for kids with amazing videos, activities, and games. Enjoy the tour! https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/
- Tour Yellowstone National Park! <u>https://www.nps.gov/.../lea.../photosmultimedia/virtualtours.htm</u>
- Explore the surface of Mars on the Curiosity Rover. https://accessmars.withgoogle.com/
- This Canadian site FarmFood 360 offers 11 Virtual Tours of farms from minks, pigs, and cows, to apples and eggs. <u>https://www.farmfood360.ca/</u>
- Indoor Activities for busy toddlers <u>https://busytoddler.com/2020/03/indoor-activities/...</u>
- Play games and learn all about animals <u>https://switchzoo.com/</u>
- Play with fave show characters and learn too <u>https://pbskids.org/</u>
- Travel to Paris, France to see amazing works of art at The Louvre with this virtual field trip. <u>https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne</u>
- This Virtual Tour of the Great Wall of China is beautiful and makes history come to life. https://www.thechinaguide.com/destinati.../great-wall-of-china
- Math and Reading games <u>https://www.funbrain.com/</u>
- Phonics skills <u>https://www.starfall.com/h/</u>
- This iconic museum located in the heart of London allows virtual visitors to tour the Great Court and discover the ancient Rosetta Stone and Egyptian mummies. <u>https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/</u>
- Read, play games, and hang out with Dr. Seuss <u>https://www.seussville.com/</u>
- 300,000+ FREE printable worksheets from toddlers to teens <u>https://www.123homeschool4me.com/home-school-free-printabl.../</u>
- Geography and animals <u>https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/</u>
- Math practice from counting to algebra and geometry http://www.mathscore.com/
- Fave kids books read by famous people https://www.storylineonline.net/
- Crafts, activities, mazes, dot to dot, etc, <u>https://www.allkidsnetwork.com/</u>
- V High school chemistry topics <u>https://www.acs.org/.../hi.../chemmatters/articles-by-topic.html</u>
- Math and reading games <u>https://www.abcya.com/</u>
- Math and language games <u>https://www.arcademics.com/</u>
- Hands on Elem science videos <u>https://www.backpacksciences.com/science-simplified</u>
- Voice based learning... learn through Alexa <u>https://bamboolearning.com/resources</u>

- Fun games, recipes, crafts, activities <u>https://www.highlightskids.com/</u>
- ClickSchooling brings you daily recommendations by email for entertaining websites that help your kids learn. <u>https://clickschooling.com/</u>
- Math as a fun part of your daily family routine http://bedtimemath.org/
- Games to get "into the book" <u>https://reading.ecb.org/</u>
- Conline history classes for all ages preteen through adults https://school.bighistoryproject.com/bhplive
- Biology <u>https://www.biologysimulations.com/</u>
- Elem Math through 6th grade https://boddlelearning.com/
- Educational games K-12 <u>https://www.breakoutedu.com/funathome</u>
- Vigital archive of history https://www.bunkhistory.org/
- **V** Test Prep for SAT, ACT, etc. <u>https://www.bwseducationconsulting.com/handouts.php</u>
- Geometry <u>https://www.canfigureit.com/</u>
- Resources for Spanish practice <u>https://www.difusion.com/campus/</u>
- Chinese learning activities https://chalkacademy.com/
- Music is for everyone <u>https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Experiments</u>
- Science, Math, Social Studies <u>https://www.ck12.org/student/</u>
- Grammar practice for middle grades https://www.classroomcereal.com/
- Daily free science or cooking experiment to do at <u>home.http://www.clubscikidzmd.com/blog/</u>
- Chemistry <u>https://www.playmadagames.com/</u>
- Reading passages for grades 3-12, with reading comprehension and discussion questions. https://www.commonlit.org/
- Vocabulary, grammar, listening activities and games in Spanish, French, Italian, German, Portuguese, Korean, and Latin. <u>https://conjuguemos.com/</u>
- 35,000 pages of online content on the cultures and countries of the world. <u>https://www.countryreports.org/</u>
- K-5th Science lessons <u>https://mysteryscience.com/</u>
- **V** Tons of free classes from leading universities and companies <u>https://www.coursera.org/</u>
- Free printable K-8 Reading and Math activity packs (available in English and Spanish) <u>https://www.curriculumassociates.com/supporting-students-aw...</u>
- V Digital learning content for preschool through high school <u>https://www.curriki.org/</u>
- A wide range of math content from middle school through AP Calculus. <u>https://deltamath.com/overview</u>
- Day-by-day projects to keep kids reading, thinking, and growing. <u>https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/.../learnathome.html</u>
- S Free Weeks of Maker Stations to keep your children creating at home! Each challenge includes simple instructions using materials around the house, QR code video resources, and a student recording sheet. bit.ly/freemakerstations
- Classes for older teens or adults https://www.thegreatcoursesplus.com/lp/t1/freemo...
- Online homeschool platform & curriculum for Pre-K to 12th grade. All main subjects are covered, plus extra curriculum courses. <u>http://discoveryk12.com/dk12/</u>
- Printable board games, activities and more for phonics and reading all using evidence-based methods. Can be customized to any student's needs including creating flashcards for other subjects. <u>https://dogonalogbooks.com/printables/</u>
- K-8 online math program that looks at how a student is solving problems to adjust accordingly and build a unique learning path for them. <u>https://www.dreambox.com/at-home</u>

- Engaging reading game for grades 2-8 that combines strategy, engagement, and imaginative reading passages to create a fun, curriculum-aligned literacy game. <u>https://www.squigglepark.com/dreamscape/</u>
- Higher level math series... online video series with detailed solutions to more than a thousand publiclyreleased College Board SAT Math, Subject Test Math Level 1, and Subject Test Math Level 2 problems. <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbQoCpvYRYRkRvsObOPHaA...</u>
- Foreign languages <u>https://www.duolingo.com/</u>
- Interactive video earth science based curriculum supplement. <u>https://www.everyday-earth.com/</u>
- A safe research site for elementary-level readers. They are offering -- free 24/7 access USERNAME: read (case sensitive)
 PASSWORD: read (case sensitive)
 <u>https://www.facts4me.com/</u>
- Resources for AP students including live reviews, live trivia, and study guides! <u>https://app.fiveable.me/</u>
- Educational brain breaks to help students review essential literacy and math skills, while getting in some exercise. Find over 900 videos to help your child keep learning at home and burn off some extra energy. Our site is best used for ages 4-8. <u>https://fluencyandfitness.com/register/school-closures/</u>
- Movement and mindfulness videos created by child development experts. https://www.gonoodle.com/
- 7,000 free videos in 13 subject areas <u>https://hippocampus.org/</u>
- Carmen Sandiego videos, stories, and lessons for all subject areas https://www.carmensandiego.com/resources/
- Math Videos with lessons, real life uses of math, famous actors <u>https://www.hmhco.com/math-at-work</u>
- Entertaining & educational videos for all levels and subjects <u>https://www.izzit.org/index.php</u>
- Conline education program for toddler through high school... <u>https://www.khanacademy.org/</u>
- Free Printables for PreK-2nd Grade <u>https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/.../Lite.../Price-Range/Free</u>
- Free printables library with activities for children 0-6 <u>https://www.littlesparkcompany.com/printables-library</u>
- Free at-home kids yoga lesson plans <u>https://littletwistersyoga.com/online-store/</u>
- Magic Spell is a carefully crafted spelling adventure. <u>https://brainbox.games/</u>
- Resources for AP students <u>https://marcolearning.com/</u>
- Enter your math problem or search term, press the button, and they show you the step-by-step work and answer instantly. 2nd grade through college. <u>https://www.mathcelebrity.com/online-math-tutor.php</u>
- Elem Math games, logic puzzles and educational resources https://www.mathplayground.com/
- Poetry and music https://www.thewell.world/mindful-mu.../mindful-poetry-moments
- SD printing projects and Coding projects, involving math and other K-12 subjects <u>https://www.instructables.com/.../EdgertonCent.../instructables/</u>
- Introductory and intermediate music theory lessons, exercises, ear trainers, and calculators. <u>https://www.musictheory.net/</u>
- Scads of free resources, games, learning resources, and lesson plans for teaching personal finance <u>https://www.ngpf.org/</u>
- Improve your typing skills while competing in fast-paced races with up to 5 typers from around the world. <u>https://www.nitrotype.com/</u>
- Illustrated recipes designed to help kids age 2-12 cook with their grown-ups. Recipes encourage culinary skills, literacy, math, and science. <u>https://www.nomsterchef.com/nomster-recipe-library</u>
- Online curriculum that builds better writers. <u>https://www.noredink.com/</u>

- **V** 80+ do at home science activities <u>https://elementalscience.com/.../n.../80-free-science-activities</u>
- Z Daily lessons and educational activities that kids can do on their own https://www.superchargedschool.com/
- Adaptive curriculum in Math and ELA for Grades K-8 <u>https://www.scootpad.com/</u>
- Novel Effect makes storytime a little more fun for kids (and grown-ups too!) As you read out loud from print books (or ebooks!) music, sound effects, and character voices play at just the right moment, adjusting and responding to your voice. https://noveleffect.com/
- Quick & easy at home projects curated for kids 2 and up https://www.kiwico.com/kids-at-home
- Teaches students how to write a paragraph through interactive online tutorial http://www.paragraphpunch.com/
- PreK-12 digital media service with more than 30,000 learning materials <u>https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/</u>
- Curricular content hub specifically designed for K-3 students. https://pebblego.com/free-pebblego-capstone-interactive-acc...
- Science and math labs and simulations https://phet.colorado.edu/
- An online physics problem and video bank designed for conceptual, standard, honors or AP1 physics. https://www.positivephysics.org/home
- Prodigies is a colorful music curriculum for kids 1-12 that will teach your kids how to play their first instrument, how to sing in tune & how to understand the language of music! 21 for free https://prodigiesmusic.com/
- Free videos from around the world from grade 3-12
- <u>https://www.projectexplorer.org/</u>
- QuaverMusic is offering free access to general music activities to all impacted schools, including free student access at-home https://www.quavermusic.com/info/at-home-resources/
- For students to practice and master whatever they are learning. <u>https://quizlet.com/</u>
- ReadWorks is an online resource of reading passages and lesson plans for students of all levels K-12. https://www.readworks.org/
- Critical Thinking resources for K-6 students <u>https://marketplace.mythinkscape.com/store/redtkids</u>
- Vusic Based Spanish Learning https://rockalingua.com/
- Science simulations, scientist profiles, and other digital resources for middle school science and high school biology

https://sepuplhs.org/

- The Shurley English program for grades K-8 provides a clear, logical, and concrete approach to language arts. <u>https://www.shurley.com/</u>
- Sight reading and sight singing practice exercises. <u>https://www.sightreadingfactory.com/</u>
- Vusic practice transformed <u>https://www.smartmusic.com/</u>
- Spellingcity is free right now with code VSCFree90 <u>https://www.spellingcity.com/</u>
- Kid-friendly workouts choose from Strength for Kids, Agility for Kids, Flexibility and Balance for Kids, Warm-Up for Kids, Cooldown for Kids, Stand Up and Move for Kids, OR create your own custom kid workout. https://app.sworkit.com/collections/kids-workouts
- A collection of hundreds of free K-12 STEM resources, from standalone models and simulations to short activities and week long sequences of curriculum materials. <u>https://learn.concord.org/</u>

- Course sets (Levels 1–5) that combine and thoroughly cover phonics, reading, writing, spelling, literature, grammar, punctuation, art, and geography—all in one easy-to-use, beautiful course.
 https://www.goodandbeautiful.com/
- At home OT, PT, and ST resources designed to build skills in children through movement and play. https://www.theottoolbox.com/
- Science projects that can be completed with or without Internet access https://sciencespot.net/Pages/classhome.html
- Keyboarding practice https://www.typingclub.com/ or https://www.typing.com/
- Next Generation Science video game focused on middle school where students directly engage in science phenomena as they solve problems. <u>https://www.tytoonline.com/</u>
- Short videos and readings that answer various burning questions for students. There are vocabulary challenges and comprehension questions. <u>http://wonderopolis.org/</u>
- **V** Math practice <u>https://xtramath.org/#/home/index</u>
- K-5 curriculum that builds deep understanding and a love of learning math for all students https://www.zearn.org/
- A quick start resource to help families pull together a plan for surviving the next 1-2 months at home with their kids, but it can also be a time of slowing down and enjoying kids as they learn. Preschool through 8th grade https://abetterwaytohomeschool.com/learning-at-home-everyth...
- 450 Ivy League courses that you can take <u>https://www.freecodecamp.org/.../ivy-league-free-online-cou.../...</u>
- Spelling 1-4 grade https://www.spellingtraining.com/
- 2,500+ online courses from top institutions https://www.edx.org/
- 22 languages to learn <u>https://www.memrise.com/</u>
- Learn to code <u>https://www.codecademy.com/</u>
- Miscellaneous games for all subjects k-8 https://www.funbrain.com/
- Phonics and learning to read https://readingeggs.com/
- PreK 5 games for all subjects https://www.turtlediary.com/
- **V**Online digital coloring pages <u>https://www.thecolor.com/</u>
- Every course you could possibly want to homeschool preschool 8 https://allinonehomeschool.com/
- Every course you could possibly want to homeschool for high school <u>https://allinonehighschool.com/</u>
- Phonics worksheets for kids https://www.funfonix.com/
- Free stories online ages 3-12 <u>https://www.freechildrenstories.com/</u>
- National Geographic Young Explorers is a magazine designed specifically for kindergarten and first grade students. Children can listen to the magazine being read to them as they follow along with the highlighted text. https://ngexplorer.cengage.com/ngyoungexplorer/index.html
- Learn all about earthquakes <u>https://earthquake.usgs.gov/learn/kids/</u>
- Learn all about the periodic table https://www.chemicool.com/
- Farmer's almanac for kids... Date, weather, moon phase, etc. <u>https://www.almanac.com/kids</u>
- Guide to gardening for kids <u>https://web.extension.illinois.edu/firstgarden/</u>
- Website allows students to play basic games to reinforce math skills and compete against the computer or others https://www.mangahigh.com/en-us/
- Space science for kiddos <u>https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html</u>
- Math Games, Logic Puzzles and Brain Builders https://www.mathplayground.com/

- Games, quizzes and fact sheets take kids on a journey through time. <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/forkids/</u>
- VGAkids interactives offer an entertaining and informative introduction to art and art history. <u>https://www.nga.gov/education/kids.html</u>
- Vews and more for kids <u>https://www.youngzine.org/</u>
- Randomly generates 356,300,262,144 story starters <u>https://thestorystarter.com/</u>
- Immerse yourself in cryptography https://www.cryptoclub.org/
- Math games galore <u>https://gridclub.com/</u>
- Tons of science experiments that you can do at home https://www.stevespanglerscience.com/lab/experiments/
- An interactive way to learn history <u>https://www.mission-us.org/</u>
- Just explore, have fun, and learn some science along the way. https://thehappyscientist.com/
- Interactive games based on the book series <u>https://www.magictreehouse.com/</u>
- Work on the 8 parts of speech <u>https://www.grammaropolis.com/</u>
- Learn all about cells <u>https://www.cellsalive.com/</u>
- All sorts of learning here if you dig in https://www.google.com/earth/
- Scratch draws students of all types into coding and lays a foundation for future learning. https://scratch.mit.edu/
- A wonderful, endlessly detailed way to get kids engaged in the world of art. <u>https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/metkids/</u>
- Tests kids' geography skills. Using images from Google's Street View, it plops players down in the middle of the street and asks them to figure out where they are. <u>https://www.geoguessr.com/</u>
- Allows students to type in any city, state, or country to view an archive of historical photographs and other documents. It's a unique way to help them learn about history.
 http://www.whatwasthere.com//
- Short videos about numbers that help kids explore complex math topics and make math more fun. https://www.numberphile.com/
- A human visualization platform that allows students to explore the human body in really cool ways. <u>https://human.biodigital.com/login?returnUrl=/dashboard</u>
- Helps kids learn to appreciate the arts by providing them with the opportunity to play games, conduct investigations, and explore different forms of art. <u>https://artsology.com/</u>
- Lets kids play instruments online. Instruments include the guitar, piano, pan flute, drums, and bongos. https://www.virtualmusicalinstruments.com/
- Crafts, activities, bulletin board designs, and finger plays for early education teachers and parents to use with kids.

http://www.preschoolexpress.com/

- A large selection of fun songs to help teach preschool and kindergarten students <u>https://www.songsforteaching.com/preschoolkindergarten.htm</u>
- Resource section includes free flashcards, coloring pages, worksheets, and other resources for children, teachers, and parents. <u>https://supersimple.com/</u>
- Life skills curriculum for students in grades K-12. Their resources include strategies for teaching social and emotional skills. <u>https://www.overcomingobstacles.org/</u>

- Coding for ages 4-10 <u>https://www.kodable.com/</u>
- No need to travel to one of the Smithsonian's zoos or museums this website brings your child everything from live video of the National Zoo to the Smithsonian Learning Lab right to their screen https://www.si.edu/kids
- Cool Kid Facts gives your child access to educational videos, pictures, quizzes, downloadable worksheets, and infographics. They can use these to learn about geography, history, science, animals, and even the human body. https://www.coolkidfacts.com/
- This interactive website, hosted by the U.S. Government Publishing Office, allows your child to see the ins and outs of the U.S. government by taking a series of learning adventures with none other than Benjamin Franklin. <u>https://bensguide.gpo.gov/</u>
- This NASA initiative covers a wide range of topics including weather, climate, atmosphere, water, energy, plants, and animals. <u>https://climatekids.nasa.gov/</u>
- Ask Dr. Universe is a science-education project from Washington State University. Kids can send Dr. Universe any question they may have about history, geography, plants, animals, technology, engineering, math, culture, and more.

https://askdruniverse.wsu.edu/

- Vour child can play games, learn fun facts, and find out how to turn coin collecting into a hobby. <u>https://www.usmint.gov/learn/kids</u>
- From rainbows to tornadoes and winter storms to tsunamis, meteorologist Crystal Wicker breaks down the fascinating world of weather. <u>http://www.weatherwizkids.com/</u>
- Kids Think Design explores careers in fashion design, graphic design, interior design, book design, product design, film and theatre, architecture, animation, and environmental design. <u>http://www.kidsthinkdesign.org/</u>
- This educational website hosted by the Smithsonian Museum takes a deep dive into ocean life. https://ocean.si.edu/
- Brainscape offers over a million flashcard decks for every subject, entrance exam, and certification imaginable. <u>https://www.brainscape.com/</u>
- The Theta Music Trainer offers a series of online courses and games for ear training and music theory. https://trainer.thetamusic.com/en
- Banzai exposes students to real-world financial dilemmas to teach them the importance of smart money management. <u>https://www.teachbanzai.com/</u>
- Innerbody explores the 11 bodily systems in depth. With interactive models and detailed explanations, this website will help them learn more about the internal mechanics of the amazing human body. <u>https://www.innerbody.com/htm/body.html</u>

FaceBook Pages to Use as Resources

- Gerry Brooks
- Creative Ideas
- Play to Learn Preschool
- Go Noodle
- Chris Field Serial Disruptor

Food for Thought

Miscellaneous Information:

- Becoming Unbusy: <u>https://becomingunbusy.com/21-day-anti-anxiety-</u> challenge/?fbclid=IwAR3ITjwRQzUVOuhBrESVoBqE6BpuxVwn7e-hLwUv_Ka3-uZtnzeJBtmRI2A
- Keeping your distance to stay safe: <u>https://www.apa.org/practice/programs/dmhi/research-information/social-</u> distancing?fbclid=IwAR1ynCtwuKJEbGQ0apRMxlvft XDh8vT3t8T2vkuwdcDMDTZqPxf1y1 iW0
- Information about play dates: <u>https://parents-together.org/can-we-do-playdates-in-a-pandemic/?fbclid=IwAR39p-DFiJate8bzng_PpGhwBzqLjRdfl4WjTHmW-NcydoyztW85YGN3Fg8</u>
- Virtual field trips: <u>https://freefuninaustin.com/virtual-field-trips-you-can-take-with-your-kids-zoo-live-cams/?fbclid=lwAR2x3DZxlBW_sy209egNGS45dkxvCeAImvw6JoK8bC4ZCMhogqxFgkst3VQ</u>
- Virtual Museum trips: <u>https://freefuninaustin.com/virtual-field-trips-you-can-take-with-your-kids-museum-edition/</u>
- More virtual museum trips: <u>https://people.com/travel/stuck-at-home-these-12-famous-museums-offer-virtual-tours-you-can-take-on-your-couch/?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=social-share-article&utm_content=20200313&utm_term=7728056&fbclid=lwAR29JYEXx8vNRuIDYutengXv4MU2E 8zVdsz9a8RcT-KtVnjBJB4hXJcxpo

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- Houston Zoo: <u>https://www.houstonzoo.org/explore/webcams/</u>
- Maintaining balance while social distancing: <u>https://www.apa.org/practice/programs/dmhi/research-information/social-distancing</u>
- Math card games: <u>https://www.weareteachers.com/math-card-</u> games/?fbclid=IwAR0MQ9p_n0NjwImVqzX-1BOBMM5RIzKj07M5PkofHWY40vjukjcD17qB3Zo
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Attention Parents:

As we move closer to embarking on what is being called "remote teaching," I am asking my Facebook friends to refrain from publicly scrutinizing their children's teachers for the way they are teaching or the lessons they are assigning. We are about to navigate unchartered waters with little, to no, preparation. Please refrain from comparing what one teacher is doing to what another teacher is doing, or what one district is doing to what another district is doing. Everyone is trying their best during this time of uncertainty. Please also remember that teachers do not go to your office and tell you how to do your job. Please refrain from telling teachers how to do theirs. We are all figuring this out as we go. Please be patient, please be kind.

Caitlin Lowery, M.Ed. - she/her @MsCSLow

Parents, if online or remote learning is overwhelming or confusing here is one thing you can do to serve your child's learning:

Read.

Read with them. Read to them. Read recipes. Read newspapers. Read chapter books. Read comics.

Reading is the foundation for all learning.

It seems a little ridiculous to me that people are so afraid that their children are going to miss a whole month of learning. How about using this month to teach them how to cook, check the oil in the car, do laundry, treat others with respect, sew on a button, deep clean, balance a checkbook, etc. Not all learning is done in a classroom! Someday our kids will have kids. Those kids will complain that they're bored and want to go somewhere.

So our kids will tell their kids about the time they couldn't leave their house for a month because of a pandemic.

This is our kids "2 mile walk in the snow uphill" moment.

"Writing a list of wins at the end of the day is a great technique for managing anxiety. It overrides your brain's tendency to look for danger and encourages you to focus on the positive."

> Sarah Schewitz Psy.D.

> > domino



People walking dogs smiling and waving from a distance to joggers, bikers, and children playing in their yards. Online classrooms, church services, and book clubs. Text messages from friends, IM conversation with past neighbors, phone calls with family. Social distancing is not social isolation; when done well, it feels more like strong social connection.



Fun Things to Do

- NASA photographs that are out of this world! <u>https://www.divphotography.net/nasa-makes-entire-media-library-publicly-accessible-copyright-free/?fbclid=lwAR16fGPTAWMetEPG2gO0DeBHqUapniV8lifGEaVpjWyBEzt9OkjDRXBp-aE</u>
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library: <u>https://imaginationlibrary.com/?fbclid=IwAR08g2Scz2GyxJ7koCZ0JetomUL9b7UJL06FFmaDwa74EhPRk8i</u> <u>lc4--ewQ</u>
- Skills and hobbies to learn: <a href="https://www.buzzfeed.com/jasminsuknanan/new-skills-and-hobbies-you-can-learn-if-youre-stuck-at?utm_source=dynamic&utm_campaign=bffbbuzzfeedniftyoutdoors&ref=bffbbuzzfeedniftyoutdoors&f <a href="https://www.buzzfeed.com/jasminsuknanan/new-skills-and-hobbies-you-can-learn-if-youre-stuck-at?utm_source=dynamic&utm_campaign=bffbbuzzfeedniftyoutdoors&ref=bffbbuzzfeedniftyoutdoors&f <a href="https://www.buzzfeed.com/jasminsuknanan/new-skills-and-hobbies-you-can-learn-if-youre-stuck-at?utm_source=dynamic&utm_campaign=bffbbuzzfeedniftyoutdoors&ref=bffbbuzzfeedniftyoutdoors&f <a href="https://www.buzzfeed.com/jasminsuknanan/new-skills-and-hobbies-you-can-learn-if-youre-stuck-at?utm_source=dynamic&utm_campaign=bffbbuzzfeedniftyoutdoors&ref=bffbbuzzfeedniftyoutdoors&fbbuzzfeedniftyoutdoor
- Family exercise
 <u>https://www.popsugar.com/family/exercise-dance-movement-youtube-channels-for-kids-</u>
 <u>47316017?utm_medium=facebook&utm_source=post&utm_campaign=family&fbclid=IwAR1pS7oyEyhb_uGenrfZIqNFPA-vnRH3IGqDX-kj41I_3eeWWt5P0gNGFfvI</u>
- Music to listen to

https://www.austin360.com/entertainment/20200316/austin360-livestream-list-watch-local-musiciansfrom-comfort-of-

home?nocache=1&utm_source=SND&utm_medium=Facebook&utm_campaign=austin360&fbclid=IwAR 0LaX5jGP8mcXP8jK60lqQZKldwpIqhty9L3I0suZ_yYuTS2Va_Ahd-MKs

Indoor Scavenger Hunt
COLLECT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN A BAG OR BASKET. CHECK THE BOXES AS YOU FIND EACH ONE.

- A TOY WITH WHEELS
- A BOOK WITH THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR NAME IN THE TITLE
- A PAIR OF MATCHING SOCKS
- 4 THINGS THAT ARE GREEN
- SOMETHING VERY SOFT
- A TOY SMALLER THAN YOUR HAND
- SOMETHING ROUND
- A BOOK WITH NUMBERS IN IT
- 5 LEGOS THAT ARE ALL DIFFERENT
- A PHOTO OF SOMEONE YOU LOVE
- AN ITEM YOU CAN SEE YOURSELF IN
- AN ITEM THAT MAKES YOU FEEL COZY
- A TOY THAT HAS 3 DIFFERNT COLORS
- A MOVIE THAT HAS "S" IN THE TITLE
- YOUR SNUGGLIEST STUFFED ANIMAL

Ready for snack? Make sure everything gets put back where it belongs!

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

COLLECT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN A BAG OR BASKET. CHECK THE BOXES AS YOU FIND EACH ONE.

- **5 LEAVES THAT LOOK DIFFERENT**
- A STICK THAT IS LONGER THAN YOUR HAND
- A ROCK WITH SPOTS ON IT
- A FLOWER
- A FLAT ROCK
- 10 BLADES OF GRASS
- SOMETHING YOU LOVE TO PLAY WITH
- A PIECE OF TRASH YOU CAN RECYCLE
- SOMETHING THAT IS BROWN
- SOMETHING THAT IS HEAVY
- SOMETHING THAT IS VERY LIGHT
- SOMETHING THAT NEEDS SUN TO LIVE
- AN ITEM SMALLER THAN YOUR THUMB
- SOMETHING THAT STARTS WITH "M"
- SOMETHING THAT SMELLS GOOD

Ready for snack? Make sure everything gets put back where it belongs!

100 INDOOR ACTIVITIES

CRAFTS

MAKE PAPER AIRPLANES SALT PAINTING MAKE SUNCATCHERS MAKE SALT DOUGH MAKE SPONGE STAMPS MAKE A CEREAL BOX AQUAIRIUM MAKE SCRATCH ART MAKE YOUR OWN BOOKMARKS PAINT PET ROCKS MAKE RECYCLED CRAYONS MAKE PAPER BOATS FINGER PAINT MAKE FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS MAKE A BIRD FEEDER MAKE PAPER BAG PUPPETS MAKE HANDPRINT ART MAKE A SCRAPBOOK DECORATE T-SHIRTS MAKE A THANKFUL JAR PAINT LEAVES MAKE A TIME CAPSULE MAKE BUTTON ART PAINT WITH WATERCOLORS COLOR IN A COLORING BOOK MAKE PAPER CRAFTS BUILD A CARDBOARD CASTLE MAKE TISSUE BOX MONSTERS MAKE A TOILET PAPER ROLL BUTTERFLY STAMP WITH CELERY MAKE CHALK ICE MAKE PUFFY SIDEWALK PAINT DRAW A SELF PORTRAIT USE RUBBER STAMPS DO SCRAPE PAINTING PAINT A RECYCLED JAR MAKE SUPERHERO COSTUMES

ACTIVITIES

MAKE PLAYDOUGH MAKE SLIME MAKE PLAY MUD MAKE RAINBOW RICE MAKE FAKE SNOW MAKE A SENSORY BIN MAKE A SENSORY BAG BUILD A FORT HAVE A PILLOW FIGHT WRITE A STORY MAKE ICE CREAM IN A BAG MAKE GUMMY BEARS MAKE FRUIT ROLL-UPS HAVE A MOVIE DAY PUT ON A FASHION SHOW BAKE CUPCAKES OR MUFFINS DO YOGA BUILD AN OBSTACLE COURSE MAKE DINNER TOGETHER PLAY WITH MAGNETIC TILES BUILD SOMETHING WITH LEGO USE DOT MARKERS BUILD A STACK OF CARDS PUT ON A PUPPET SHOW MAKE A TREASURE HUNT INDOOR BOWLING LEARN TO DRAW PUT ON A PLAY MAKE INDOOR HOPSCOTCH DO A FAMILY CHORE TOGETHER HAVE A DANCE PARTY HAVE A TEA PARTY PLAY WITH WATER IN A BIN SET UP A PLAY STORE MAKE A SOCK TOSS GAME MAKE PERLER BEAD ART WRITE IN A JOURNAL

GAMES

PLAY WOULD YOU RATHER PLAY I SPY PLAY SIMON SAYS PLAY BOARD GAMES PLAY HIDE AND SEEK INDOOR SCAVENGER HUNT PLAY BINGO PLAY CARD GAMES DO A PUZZLE PLAY CHARADES BUILD YOUR OWN GAME PLAY FREEZE DANCE PLAY HOT POTATO PLAY MARBLES KEEP THE BALLOON UP PLAY DOMINOES PLAY HANGMAN PLAY TIC-TAC-TOE

EDUCATIONAL

READ BOOKS DO A SCIENCE PROJECT LEARN ORIGAM LEARN ABOUT A NEW ANMAL LEARN A NEW CARD GAME LEARN TO SEW LEARN TO KNIT DO BRAIN TEASERS LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE LEARN ABOUT A COUNTRY

THEBESTIDEASFORKIDS.COM