

Online Resource Guide for Children and Families



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Hello, neighbors!

Please find the following resources compiled to help children and families thrive and flourish during the shutdowns in response to the COVID 19 pandemic.

While it's not exhaustive, we tried our best to find a good sampling from various categories and subjects. It's our hope that your families thrive and flourish during these unexpected difficult times.

As ever, if you are in need of resources or answers, please don't hesitate to contact us at Parks Place.

Wishing health and happiness to all of our community members through this trying time. Stay safe and stay healthy!

Best,

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RESOURCES

Free Internet from Spectrum for 60 days for households with k-12 and college students who do not already have Spectrum broadband subscription. To enroll, call 1-844-488-8395

Comcast is offering free internet for 60 days for low-income families, called Comcast Essentials: <https://www.internetessentials.com/>

WNESU will **offer meals at various pick-up sites throughout the district**. Learn more here: <https://www.facebook.com/wnesuvt/>

As of 3/17/2020, **Our Place Drop In Center** is still offering meal services and food. For updates, call (802) 463-2217.

LEARNING GUIDES

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...>

GENERAL EDUCATION

The Khan Academy offers online education program for toddler through high school: <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Education for kids all topics <https://www.ducksters.com>

ABCmouse Family of Education Websites

*Offering free enrollment using the code **SCHOOL7771** during the shutdown.*

ABCMouse Early learning academy(Preschool through 2nd Grade): <http://www.ABCmouse.com/redeem>

ReadingIQ (Preschool through 6th Grade): <http://www.ReadingIQ.com/redeem>

Adventure Academy (3rd through 8th Grade): <http://www.AdventureAcademy.com/redeem>

300,000+ FREE printable worksheets from toddlers to teens <https://www.123homeschool4me.com/home-school-free-printabl.../>

Free printable K-8 Reading and Math activity packs (available in English and Spanish): <https://www.curriculumassociates.com/supporting-students-aw...>

Digital learning content for preschool through high school: <https://www.curriki.org/>

Play with favorite show characters and learn too at **PBS Kids**: <https://pbskids.org/>

7,000 free videos in 13 subject areas: <https://hippocampus.org/>

Daily lessons and educational activities that kids can do on their own: <https://www.superchargedschool.com/>

Critical Thinking resources for K-6 students: <https://marketplace.mythinkscape.com/store/redtkids>

HIGH SCHOOL SPECIFIC

High school chemistry topics: <https://www.acs.org/.../hi.../chemmatters/articles-by-topic.html>

Test Prep for SAT, ACT, etc.: <https://www.bwseducationconsulting.com/handouts.php>

Geometry: <https://www.canfigureit.com/>

Resources for AP students: <https://marcolearning.com/>

Every course you could possibly want to homeschool for high school: <https://allinonehighschool.com/>

ADULT EDUCATION

Tons of **free classes from leading universities and companies:** <https://www.coursera.org/>

450 Ivy League courses that you can take: [https://www.freecodecamp.org/.../ivy-league-free-online-cou.../...](https://www.freecodecamp.org/.../ivy-league-free-online-cou.../)

2,500+ online courses from top institutions: <https://www.edx.org/>

LEARN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Resources for Spanish practice: <https://www.difusion.com/campus/>

Chinese learning activities: <https://chalkacademy.com/>

Vocabulary, grammar, listening activities and games in Spanish, French, Italian, German, Portuguese, Korean, and Latin: <https://conjuguemos.com/>

22 languages to learn: <https://www.memrise.com/>

ENGLISH AND LANGUAGE ARTS

Phonics skills: <https://www.starfall.com/h/>

Grammar practice for middle grades: <https://www.classroomcereal.com/>

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: <https://dogonalogbooks.com/printables/>

The **Shurley English program** for grades K-8 provides a clear, logical, and concrete approach to language arts: <https://www.shurley.com/>

Spellingcity is free right now with code VSCFree90: <https://www.spellingcity.com/>

Spelling 1-4 grade: <https://www.spellingtraining.com/>

Phonics and learning to read: <https://readingeggs.com/>

Free **handwriting practice worksheets:**
<https://www.worksheetworks.com/english/writing/handwriting.html>

SOCIAL STUDIES

News and more for kids: <https://www.youngzine.org/>

HISTORY

Digital archive of **history:** <https://www.bunkhistory.org/>

Games, quizzes and fact sheets take kids on a **journey through time:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/forkids/>

An **interactive way to learn history:**
<https://www.mission-us.org/>

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//>

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE/ELL

Music Based Spanish Learning: <https://rockalingua.com/>

50+ ESL/ELL Resources: <https://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/esl-ell-resources-for-teachers-parents-and-students/>

STEM

Geography and animals at **National Geographic Kids**: <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Math practice from counting to algebra and geometry at **Math Score**: <http://www.mathscore.com/>

Hands on Elem science videos: <https://www.backpacksciences.com/science-simplified>

Elem Math through 6th grade: <https://boddlelearning.com/>

Science, Math, Social Studies: <https://www.ck12.org/student/>

Daily free science or cooking experiment to do at home: <http://www.clubscikidzmd.com/blog/>

Math Tutoring--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: <https://www.mathcelebrity.com/online-math-tutor.php>

80+ do at home science activities: <https://elementalscience.com/.../n.../80-free-science-activities>

Science simulations, scientist profiles, and other digital resources for middle school science and high school biology: <https://sepuplhs.org/>

Space science for kiddos: <https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html>

A **human visualization platform** that allows students to explore the human body in interesting ways: <https://human.biodigital.com/login?returnUrl=/dashboard>

Engineering challenges with things you have at home:
<https://thehomeschoolscientist.com/paper-structures-engine.../>

Amphibian unit studies: <https://premeditatedleftovers.com/.../amphibians-unit-study-.../>

READING

Fave kids books read by famous people at **StoryOnline**: <https://www.storylineonline.net/>

Games to get "into the book:" <https://reading.ecb.org/>

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/>

ARTS

Music is for everyone: <https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Experiments>

Poetry and music: <https://www.thewell.world/mindful-mu.../mindful-poetry-moments>

Introductory and intermediate **music theory lessons, exercises, ear trainers, and calculators:** <https://www.musictheory.net/>

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/>

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/>

NGAkids interactives offer an entertaining and informative introduction to art and art history: <https://www.nga.gov/education/kids.html>

A wonderful, endlessly detailed way to get kids engaged in the world of art at the **Met Museum:** <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/metkids/>

Helps kids learn to **appreciate the arts** by providing them with the opportunity to play games, conduct investigations, and **explore different forms of art:** <https://artsology.com/>

Paris Musées, a collection of 14 museums in Paris have recently made high-res digital copies of 100,000 artworks freely available to the public [on their collections website](#). Artists with works in the archive include Rembrandt, Monet, Picasso, Cézanne, and thousands of others

WRITING

Online curriculum that builds better writers: <https://www.noredink.com/>

Randomly generates 356,300,262,144 story starters:
<https://thestorystarter.com/>

GAMES AND PUZZLES

Play games and learn all about animals: <https://switchzoo.com/>

Math and Reading games: <https://www.funbrain.com/>

Crafts, activities, mazes, dot to dot, etc.: <https://www.allkidsnetwork.com/>

Read, play games, and hang out with **Dr. Seuss:** <https://www.seussville.com/>

Math and reading games: <https://www.abcya.com/>

Math and language games: <https://www.arcademics.com/>

Fun games, recipes, crafts, activities at **Highlights Kids:** <https://www.highlightskids.com/>

Educational games K-12 at **Breakout Edu**: <https://www.breakoutedu.com/funathome>

Miscellaneous games for all subjects k-8: <https://www.funbrain.com/>

Online photograph **jigsaw puzzles** that you can set the pieces from 6-1000+: <https://www.jigsawexplorer.com/>

Free printable sudoku books: http://www.7sudoku.com/print_puzzles

CREATIVITY AND LIFE SKILLS

Illustrated recipes designed to help kids age 2-12 cook with their grown-ups. Recipes encourage culinary skills, literacy, math, and science: <https://www.nomsterchef.com/nomster-recipe-library>

Kids can **learn to cook online** with these resources: <https://www.epicurious.com/expert-advice/the-best-you-tube-channels-for-kid-friendly-cooking-videos-article>

Online digital coloring pages: <https://www.thecolor.com/>

Free coloring books from 113 international art museums:

<http://www.openculture.com/2019/02/download-free-coloring-books-from-113-museums.html?fbclid=IwAR0XK54VRKDgWGP-D5zEAhwTff7GJsTyWfSToQXut6wN9jrgsneB10KpumU>

Learn to knit and crochet for free with online videos: <https://www.weareknitters.com/learn-knit>

Free Crayola coloring pages: <https://www.crayola.com/featured/free-coloring-pages/>

YOUNG CHILDREN/TODDLERS

Indoor Activities for busy toddlers: <https://busytoddler.com/2020/03/indoor-activities/...>

50+ Activities at home for toddlers: <https://handsonaswegrow.com/50-toddler-activities/>

20 More Activities to Keep Your Toddler Busy at Home: <https://teachingmama.org/20-more-ways-to-keep-toddlers-busy/>

WELLNESS

Yoga for kids at **Cosmic Kids**: <https://www.cosmickids.com/>

Best fitness apps for kids: <https://www.activekids.com/parenting-and-family/articles/the-best-fitness-apps-for-kids>

Free guided meditation for kids: <https://www.greenchildmagazine.com/free-meditation-guided-relaxation-scripts-kids/>

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

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!**

<https://www.nps.gov/.../lea.../photosmultimedia/virtualtours.htm>

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. <https://www.farmfood360.ca/>

Travel to Paris, France to see amazing works of art at **The Louvre** with this virtual field trip:

<https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>

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>

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: <https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>

35,000 pages of online content on **the cultures and countries of the world:** <https://www.countryreports.org/>

Free **videos from around the world** from grade 3-12:

<https://www.projectexplorer.org/>

Alaskan Wildlife cams: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=viewing.webcams>