

ECDC PARENT RESOURCES

"AT HOME IDEAS" FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD
AS YOU NAVIGATE THE CORONAVIRUS CLOSURES
















We understand that the closings of schools and community events has turned many of our lives upside down temporarily. While you are home with your child(ren), we wanted to share some resources to help fill your days with fun and learning.

Attached are some general resources, as well as developmentally appropriate activities that are divided by age-groups so you can choose activities that are best for your child.

Click on the link image  next to items to visit websites.

Free Lessons/Resources/Activities

-  30 Days of Good Things to do with Young Children
-  **Ronnie's Preschool** - 6 Easy Play Ideas
-  13 tips for protecting your child against the coronavirus, according to a pediatrician
-  **Community Playthings** - Simple activities for kids at home posted in their blog.
-  Watch Astronauts Reading Stories From Space
-  Virtual Farm Tours
-  100 Activities To Do At Home During School Closures
-  **Tinkergarten** @Home DIY Activities
-  Dance songs for kids
-  **Mo Willems** Is Hosting a Livestream Doodle Every Week
-  Kid Yoga Videos
-  **MotherCould** Play Recipes
-  **Pete the Cat** Virtual Storytime
-  **TRUCE** - Family play plans and more

Free Lessons/Resources/Activities cont.



Khan Academy - Non-profit with a mission to provide a free, world-class education to anyone, anywhere. This link takes you to a page specifically for parents, students, and educators dealing with Corona virus-related school closures. See Khan Academy Kids for the little ones.



Scholastic.com/learnathome - Even when schools are closed, you can keep the learning going with these special cross-curricular journeys. Every day includes four separate learning experiences, each built around a thrilling, meaningful story or video. Kids can do them on their own, with their families, or with their teachers. Just find your grade level and let the learning begin!



BrainPop! - Coronavirus topic plus free access to the full suite of tools if your school is closed.



So you find yourself teaching - Google doc with helpful hints on scheduling and how to fill that time.



Free internet to low income customers - Comcast is offering free internet access in order to allow more people to work from home or allow children to access school work.



Coronavirus Closings - WSBT has compiled a list of closings and cancellations related to the coronavirus and will update this page as new information is obtained.



Schools are Closing for Coronavirus, Now What? - Helpful article from NYT parenting blog.



Amazing Educational Resources - Extremely comprehensive but perhaps a bit unwieldy, this is a spreadsheet of education companies offering free subscriptions due to school closings.



Art, Play and Literacy Guide - Hatch Art Studio put together this weekly Art, Play & Literacy guide for learning activities at home. They plan to add more guides in the near future. This week they explore drawing tools and simple things you have around the house. These are great ideas for children 3 through 8.



Smore Magazine - If your schools are closed or getting ready to close and you are looking for ways to continue STEM learning for your kids while they are stuck at home, we want to help. We are offering a FREE annual subscription to DIGITAL SMORE. No Credit Card Required. Past year issues also included. (Use code FREESMORE at checkout. Coupon expires 03/31/2020)



Outschool - Small-group online classes in an array of subjects by age group, from preschool to high school. May be offering free resources temporarily.



Podcasts for kids - A list of podcasts for elementary aged children.



Screen free tips! from the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood.



Melissa and Doug - Our best play ideas for when kids are stuck at home!



Center for Early Literacy Learning CELLpops and Posters - mini-posters provide parents and teachers with simple ways to enhance daily activities and routines with literacy specific opportunities

Children's Authors/Musicians



Jarrett Lerner - Free creativity worksheets by this popular author, including comics to complete and other fun exercises.



Oliver Jeffers - “For all you folks stuck at home in the coming weeks. Starting on Monday, at 6pm GMT / 2pm EST / 11am PST, I will be reading one of my books every weekday, and talking about some of the things that went into making it. We are all at home, but none of us are alone. Let’s be bored together. Also, my pal, and one of the best storybook writers in a generation @macbarnett will be doing the same with his books daily, an hour later. And the genius minds behind @kaleidoscopeire are doing a daily creative project called ‘Home Club’, also starting Monday.”



Greg and Steve in Concert - If you need to keep your toddler or preschooler entertained, while you deal with a work call or try to complete a task, we highly recommend that you listen to the music of Greg and Steve, the musicians whose songs are favorites. The songs have catchy tunes and action movements that children can do. Don't be surprised if some of the music stirs up memories of your own preschool years!



The Three Bears (storyteller) - Parents can also find a variety of other movement songs (including Jim Gill) and storyteller videos on youtube. For example, this reading of *The Three Bears*, or search for Berenstein Bears stories, Eric Carle stories, other classics.

Check your favorite children's author's website or Facebook page to see if they are doing online storytimes.

Arts/Culture/Field Trips



The Met streaming free operas



Virtual tours of 12 museums



YoYo Ma is offering #songsofcomfort on his Facebook page



30 Virtual Field Trips



Cincinnati Zoo - While the Cincinnati Zoo is closed and kids are home from school, let us help make your children's hiatus from school fun and educational. Join us for a Home Safari Facebook Live each weekday at 3 p.m. where we will highlight one of our amazing animals and include an activity you can do from home. Join us starting Monday, March 16 at 3 p.m. for our first Home Safari- featuring Fiona the hippo!



20 Virtual Field Trips to Take with Your Kids

Activities for Young Preschoolers

General Activities

[Activities for the Whole Family](#)

[Indoor Activities for the Whole Family](#)

[Indoor Activities for Young Preschoolers](#)

[Rainy Day Activities for Young Preschoolers](#)

Science/Sensory

[Live Cams of Animals at the San Diego Zoo](#)

[DIY Hanger Scale](#)

[Tips for Indoor Water Play](#)

[Fluffy Slime Recipe](#)

[Easy Homemade Playdough](#)

[Worry-Free Slime Recipe](#)

[Playdough Recipe and Activities](#)

[Investigating Levers](#)

[Exploring Ramps and Friction](#)

[Sink or Float](#)

[Walking Water](#)

[Foam Dough](#)

Gross/Fine Motor

[DIY Jumbo Building Blocks](#)

[Online Yoga - Free Subscription with code spread.love at checkout](#)

[Duck Race Water Play](#)

[A Parents' Guide to Gross Motor Skills](#)

Activities that develop fine-motor skills: snipping/cutting with child-safe scissors, drawing, Playdough, tearing paper, glueing with glue bottles, tweezers/tongs

Math

[Color Sorting Train](#)

[2-D Shape Activities](#)

[Math Concepts Explored During Block Play](#)

[Creating at Math Investigation Area](#)

[Number Hop Game](#)

[Uno Math](#)

[Can You Stack It? Inquiry Game](#)

[Color Sorting Game](#)

Literacy

[Storyline Online - Books Read Aloud](#)

[The Very Hungry Caterpillar Animated](#)

[Dr. Seuss's Green Eggs and Ham Animated](#)

[Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne Animated](#)

[Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Animated](#)

[Book Making with Preschoolers](#)

[Letter Sorting Game](#)

Art/Music

[Greg and Steve Music and Dancing on Youtube](#)

[Hatch Art Studio Play and Art Blog](#)

[Swipe Art](#)

[Bouncy Ball Art](#)

[Flower Pounding Art](#)

[Salt and Glue Painting](#)

[Outdoor Yo-Yo Painting](#)

[Painting on Foil](#)

[Wax Paper Resist](#)

[Baking Soda Paint](#)

[Tips for Art with Young Children](#)

Outdoor

[Loose Parts in the Sandbox](#)

[Spray Bottle Alphabet](#)

Activities for Older Preschoolers

General Activities

[Activites for the Whole Family](#)

[Indoor Activities for the Whole Family](#)

Science/Sensory

[Virtual Field Trip to the Galapagos Islands](#)

[Virtual Field Trip to the Great Wall of China](#)

[Virtual Field Trip to Yellowstone National Park](#)

[Easy Homemade Playdough](#)

[Fluffy Slime Recipe](#)

[Playdough Recipe and Activities](#)

[Tin Foil Boats](#)

[Keeping Paper Dry Underwater](#)

Gross/Fine Motor

[Online Yoga - Free Subscription with code spread.love at checkout](#)

[A Parents' Guide to Gross Motor Skills](#)

Activities that develop fine-motor skills: cutting along a line, cutting out shapes, painting with skinny paint brushes

Math

[Lego Math Activities](#)

[Guess the Hidden Number Game](#)

[Uno and Dominos Math](#)

[ABCmouse.com](#)

Literacy

[Scholastic Learn at Home](#)

[Storyline Online - Books Read Aloud](#)

[Name Spelling Hopscotch Game](#)

[Letter Writing Sensory Tray](#)

[Dr. Seuss's Sneeches Animated](#)

[There's an Aligator Under My Bed by Mercer Mayer Animated](#)

[Book Making with Preschoolers](#)

Art/Music

[Greg and Steve Music and Dancing on Youtube](#)

[Leaf Prints with Watercolor](#)

[String painting](#)

[Shaving Cream Marbled Paper](#)

[Rubber Band Snap Art](#)

[Salt and Glue Painting](#)

[Outdoor Yo-Yo Painting](#)

[Copy-Cat Mondrian](#)

[Art and Science Combine](#)

[Twig Mobile](#)

[Bubble Printing](#)

Outdoor

[Loose Parts in the Sandbox](#)

[Bird Seed Dough Bird Feeders](#)

[Spray Bottle Alphabet](#)

Activities for Kindergarteners

General Activities

[Activites for the Whole Family](#)

[Indoor Activities for the Whole Family](#)

Architecture Study

[Virtual Tour of Buckingham Palace, London, UK](#)

[Virtual Field Trip to the White House](#)

[Virtual Field Trip to the Great Wall of China](#)

[360 Degree View of New York from the Empire State Building](#)

[Nat Geo Kids Behind the Sceens of the Eiffel Tower](#)

[Nat Geo Kids video shorts of life in various countries around the world](#)

Science/Sensory

[Virtual Field Trip to the Galapagos Islands](#)

[Nat Geo Kids All About Birds](#)

[Virtual Field Trip to Yellowstone National Park](#)

[Easy Homemade Playdough](#)

[Fluffy Slime Recipe](#)

[Playdough Recipe and Activities](#)

[Turn Milk into Plastic](#)

[Engineering - Making an Archimedes' Screw](#)

[Edible Water & Juice Bubbles](#)

[Exploring Boyancy and Density](#)

[Keeping Paper Dry Underwater](#)

Gross/Fine Motor

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[A Parents' Guide to Gross Motor Skills](#)

Other Sites from Ms. B

[www.learninga-z.com](#)

[www.themeasuredmom.com](#)

[www.playdoughtoplato.com](#)

[Freeschool Youtube Channel](#)

[Homeschool Pop Youtube Channel](#)

Math

[Shape Song Collection](#)

[Math Games with a Deck of Cards](#)

[Uno Flip to 10 Game](#)

[ABCmouse.com](#)

[IXL](#)

Literacy

[Scholastic Learn at Home](#)

[Storyline Online - Books Read Aloud](#)

[This Reading Mama Blog](#)

[STEM Themed books read aloud by astronauts in space](#)

[Book Making with Children](#)

[IXL](#)

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[Greg and Steve Music and Dancing on Youtube](#)

[Salt and Glue Painting](#)

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[Outdoor Yo-Yo Painting](#)

[Star Stick Mobile](#)

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Scholastic Learn at Home

With coronavirus updates changing our communities every day, Scholastic is prepared to help your students learn from home. To support the forward movement of education during these challenging times, we want to extend our line of Scholastic resources to support distance learning.



Try our **Scholastic Learn at Home** Link: www.scholastic.com/learnathome
Providing free scholastic resources to support home learning.

Step 1: Click link above (Open using Browsers: Firefox or Chrome)

Step 2: Scroll down and select grade level that matches

Step 3: Select one of the units available

Step 4: You'll be automatically transfer to that program where it will prompt you for a username/password

- Username: **Learning20**, Password: **Clifford** (case sensitive)
- Once in program, you can explore the Unit
- Access will be available for several weeks

Currently our online site is live with 5 days of learning to support off site education. As our team works to add more material to cover a 20 day span, please feel free to engage and use this link. If you have questions or would like some additional support during this time, please contact me directly to assist!

Please stay healthy and safe,

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Scholastic Resources on the COVID-19 Virus



Scholastic Free Resources Flyer

ECDC has set up an account with:

ABCmouse.com (including Adventure Academy & ReadingIQ)

ECDC has signed up to provide our families with free access to these online learning opportunities. The ECDC school access code is **SCHOOL2568**.



ABCMouse.com - Early Learning Academy is the leading and most comprehensive digital early learning resource for students in preschool through 2nd grade. ABCmouse offers a research-validated curriculum with more than 10,000 individual Learning Activities and more than 850 complete lessons along our Step-by-Step Learning Path. ABCmouse includes a significant amount of Spanish language content.



Adventure Academy is a massively multiplayer online game (MMO) for students in 3rd through 8th grade. Adventure Academy brings learning to life as it builds critical knowledge of essential curriculum topics with thousands of learning activities in language arts, math, science, and social studies in a safe and engaging virtual world.



ReadingIQ is an advanced digital library and literacy platform for children through 6th grade that provides access to thousands of high-quality books, all curated by experts to advance literacy. ReadingIQ includes many books in Spanish, and an offline mode that does not require continuous Internet connectivity.

If you need assistance redeeming this code or have questions about any of the products, please contact the Customer Support team at support@aofl.com and they will be happy to help.



ABCMouse.com Parent Letter