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## Family “Staycation” Ideas for PreK through 5th Grade

The resources below could be used to inspire some family fun at home during this extended “staycation”. *As with all media, please screen content and use your best judgment before sharing with students.* The links below are to external sites; inclusion on this list does not imply endorsement by Derby Academy.

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## Science Podcasts

[Science Friday Spoonfuls](#)

[Wow in the World](#)

[Tumble](#)

[Brains On!](#)

[But Why?](#)

## Science/STEM Videos

- [The Kid Should See This](#): A searchable collection of video clips that cover a wide range of topics, including science, technology, nature, music, and art.
- [The Secret Life of Scientists & Engineers](#) (PBS/NOVA): Short interviews that highlight the connections between scientist/engineers' personal and professional lives. Helps students see science/engineering as relevant and accessible.
- [They Might Be Giants: Here Comes Science](#): A collection of science-themed songs and animated music videos that address core concepts.

- [Peep and the Big Wide World](#) (PBS): Video clips and related games from the popular animated science program for young children. Also available [in Spanish](#).
  - [SciGirls](#) (PBS): Half-hour episodes that highlight "the processes of science and engineering, following a different group of middle school girls who design, with the help of scientist mentors, their own inquiry-based investigations on a variety of topics."
  - [Brainchild](#) (Netflix): "Brainchild makes science fun, cool, and accessible to everyone! Each episode tackles a topic that's important to kids (and adults!) with comedy, experiments, and interactive games."
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## Social Studies/History

[Geography Games](#)

[Social Studies Games for Young Children](#)

[iCivics - Online civics games for kids](#)

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## Field Trips

[List of 20 virtual field trips to take as a family](#)

[International Space Station Field Trip](#)

[Yellowstone National Park Field Trip](#)

[Yosemite National Park Field Trip](#)

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## Art

[Draw Every Day with JJK](#)

[Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems](#)

[The Met for Kids](#)

[Home Art & Craft Projects from the National Museum of Australia](#)

[Josh Gad Reads](#) - Josh Gad reads aloud each night

Art Projects from Norton Simon Museum

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## Music

[Music Games on PBS Kids](#)

[Google Mix Lab](#)

[Touch Pianist](#)

[Music Games at Classics for Kids](#)

[Science of Music at Exploratorium](#)

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## General

[Growth Mindset Podcast](#)

[Comprehensive List of Virtual Museum Resources](#)

[Audible is offering free stories](#)

[Book Creator App](#)

## 50 Books All Kids Should Read Before They're 12

### **Screening Screens**

- [Best Family Movies](#)
- [Common Sense Selections highlighting the best movies and TV shows](#)
- [Sibling Watch-Together TV](#)

### **Additional non-screen at-home fun!**

- Puzzle Palooza! Find all the puzzles in your house and get started.
- Nature walk; *what do you hear, feel, see?*
- Create Obstacle Courses inside and in your yard. Set a timer!!
- Start a "[grateful](#)" journal for the family. Each day you can write in it together.
- Find or create jokes and report back to each other which ones you find hilarious!
- Donation places are still looking for donations. Clean out your closets, garage books and toys....plenty of families could benefit from your donations.
- Play "store" with real change.
- Treasure Hunt! Hide a message or candy/snack and send your kids on a treasure hunt through the house and your yard.
- Become a Journalist. Encourage kids to report on something they find interesting.