

Literacy Live 365: Learning Engagements that parents and family members can do at home!



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Stuck home because of the coronavirus closings? Keep up learning (and have some fun) with these indoor activities for kids including free classes, printables, media subscriptions, and more.

Many school districts have closed for several weeks or longer in an effort to reduce coronavirus transmission. During this unprecedented time of recommended social distancing, many parents are wondering how to keep kids busy and learning—especially for long durations. We've rounded up some helpful and creative ideas and resources from our sister site [SchoolFamily.com](https://www.schoolfamily.com), [Common Sense Media](https://www.commonsensemedia.org), and several other websites to help you survive and thrive on unexpected days off.

[Free Media Subscriptions](#)

Many companies are offering free access and subscriptions to educational resources. Here are some links from trusted organizations like Scholastic, PBS, and the BBC. Take a virtual museum tour, “travel” the world, or discover a new podcast your kids will love.

[PBS](#)

[Amazing Educational Resources](#)

[Resources for Homeschooling](#)

[12 Museums You Can Visit Virtually](#)

[Educational Companies Offering Free Subscriptions Due to School Closings](#)

[Scholastic Free Classes](#)

[12 Great Podcasts for Kids](#)

[Keeping Up Skills](#)

Use this time at home to practice reading, writing, math, and science skills.

[Graphing for Reading and Math Fun](#)

Use everyday items you have at home like stuffed animals, Legos, a shower curtain, and more to make graphing fun.

[Help Your Child Become a Sentence Builder](#)

Two fun ways to help your young speller turn words into sentences.

[For Bookworms](#)

Common Sense Media has curated a “Best Books for Kids” list for readers from preK to teens 13 and older.

[Fun and Easy Help With Basic Math](#)

A deck of cards and some coins are all you need for these activities.

[Math Fun for Summer \(or Anytime\)](#)

Use everyday items for these three activities and keep math skills fresh.

[Roundup of Free Educational Games, Apps, and Websites for Reading and Math](#)

If you can't get the tablet away from them, this is the list you want.

Staying Active, Outdoors and In

[10 Healthy Hacks for Parents and Kids](#)

Social distancing can include some outdoor activities with the family, including scavenger hunts and dog walks, and indoor activities, including dance parties and having fun with food.

[Winter Exercise Ideas for the Family](#)

If you don't have snow in your part of the country, adapt these winter exercise ideas to your own yard.

[Movement Apps, Games, and Websites](#)

Check out these apps, games, and websites designed to help you balance your kids' screen time and exercise.

Cooking Lessons

[Make Family Meals Count](#)

Teaching children to cook can become a fun lesson in math and chemistry! Long breaks provide a great time to prepare a family meal together. Kids love helping prepare meals and, if you're lucky, you might get help washing the dishes!

Need to make a call? Turn to this [roundup of recipes your kids can make on their own](#).

Printables and Worksheets

Word search worksheets, crossword puzzles, acrostic poems, color-by-number worksheets, and interactive learning games like the Handango Clean Hands Game are all good ways to interest kids when you need them to turn off their screens. These links have many types of activity sheets for kids of all ages.

[SchoolFamily.com Printable Activities](#)

[SchoolFamily.com Printable Sick Day Activities](#)