



NEW WAYS TO GET TOGETHER

Here at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Westchester, we understand that this might be a scary time for you and your friends, which means it's more important than ever to stay in touch! Our team is dedicated to helping you guys hang out while you're apart. Here are some ideas!

This list was created with the help of local libraries, schoolteachers, and community programs. Thank you all for the wonderful ideas.

Unsure how to meet your friends on Zoom? Contact your Match Support Specialist about any needs that arise. We're here to support you as you support each other.

For Our Tech Free Friends...

1. Make personalized cards for each other
2. Make each other a bracelet or a special craft (e.g. drawing, a knitted/crocheted item)
3. Create a list of future outing ideas, which can be something to look forward to
4. Decide on a new talent/skill to work on (e.g. art, reading)
5. Look into local volunteer opportunities for your match to do together! It's a great time to show your little the importance of giving back!
6. Find free and low-cost internet and computers in your area <https://www.everyoneon.org/find-offers>

For Our Book Worms...

1. The New York Public Library is kicking off a Quest for Adventure all summer long! Celebrate fantastic tales, inspiring heroes, and the power of telling your own epic story. Earn badges by completing fun reading activities, check in for cool Virtual Summer Camp Activities, and breeze through their list of 125 Kids Books We Love! <https://www.nypl.org/events/summer/reading-challenge>

2. <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/>
Did you know your local library has thousands of ebooks and audiobooks? You can borrow them, instantly, for free, using just the device in your hand.
3. Kanopy is offering free titles without having to use your credit.
<https://www.kanopy.com/category/48060>
4. Kanopy Kids is being offered free for 30 days. <https://wls.kanopy.com/kids>

Choose “Westchester Library System” as your library when registering your account on these apps.

5. Favorite kids’ books read by famous people <https://www.storylineonline.net/>
6. Games to get "into the book" <https://reading.ecb.org/>
7. Free stories online ages 3-12 <https://www.freechildrenstories.com/>
8. Read, play games, and hang out with Dr. Seuss <https://www.seussville.com/>
9. Interactive games based on the book series <https://www.magictreehouse.com/>
10. 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/>
11. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/>– Free interactive website for language learning.
12. <https://www.duolingo.com/> Free online language instruction for over 30 languages.
13. <https://www.firstfind.org/learn-english/>– Practice and learn English grammar, vocabulary, listening, reading, pronunciation and writing.

For Our Explorers...

1. The San Diego Zoo has a website just for kids with amazing videos, activities, and games. Enjoy the tour! <https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/> You can also watch some of the animals hang out on Live Cams here!! <https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/live-cams>
2. Tour Yellowstone National Park!
<https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualtours.html>

3. Explore the surface of Mars on the Curiosity Rover.
<https://accessmars.withgoogle.com/>
4. 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>
5. This Virtual Tour of the Great Wall of China is beautiful and makes history come to life.
<https://www.thechinaguide.com/destination/great-wall-of-china>
6. 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/>
7. Free videos from around the world from grade 3-12 <https://www.projectexplorer.org/>
8. 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. <https://www.geoguessr.com/>

For Our Gamers...

1. Play against one friend or on two teams with a group... Codenames is the ultimate spymaster cluegivers assassination game that anyone will love! Create your own virtual room here <https://codenames.game/>
2. Log in with your Google account to play with friends, or play against bots in this virtual game of Settlers of Catan! An easy-to-follow tutorial is provided on the site: <https://colonist.io/>
3. Check out <https://en.boardgamearena.com/lobby> for access to hundreds of virtual board games! Bigs can create a free online account and when you're ready to play together, Bigs can just share the game link with their Little! Some of the awesome games for two include...
 - a. Lucky Numbers - At the crossroads of Sudoku and Bingo, Lucky Numbers is a game where you will make your own luck...
 - b. Yahtzee - The dice rollin' battle game: this classic parlor game has captivated players, young and old, since 1956...
 - c. Solo - if it walks like uno and talks like uno...
4. Battle it out in Battleship! <http://en.battleship-game.org/>
5. Share your screen to tackle these logic puzzles together! Play Boggle, Sudoku, Star Battle and more! <https://www.puzzle-words.com/boggle-4x4/>

6. Play online trivia games here! <https://www.letsroom.com/explorer/hilarious-online-trivia-games-for-kids/>
7. Create hilarious MadLibs stories together!! <https://www.madlibs.com/>
8. Online I Spy, Bingo and other games <https://www.scholastic.com/ispy/games/index.html>
9. Fun Zoom games <https://www.weareteachers.com/20-fun-zoom-games-for-kids/>
10. Scrabble Online <https://www.scrabblegames.info/play/just-words>
11. Work together to solve these awesome virtual escape rooms! There are different levels for kids of all ages!
<https://www.365escape.com/Room-Escape-Games.html>
12. The Digital Arts Experience is offering zoom gaming workshops and gaming hangouts for kids. This includes TinkerCAD, Minecraft and Roblox game hangouts, Intro to Python, Game Design in Processing, and more!
<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=14128417&appointmentType=category:Virtual%20Workshops>

For Our Chefs...

1. <https://www.thegreatcoursesdaily.com/free-video-lectures-from-the-great-courses/> ... over 80+ free 30 minute videos on cooking and more!
2. Hundreds of educational games, activities, quizzes, articles, and more, for kids and everyone to use online! <http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/>
3. Fun games, recipes, crafts, activities <https://www.highlightskids.com/>
4. 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>
5. Daily free cooking experiment to do at home <http://www.clubscikidzmd.com/blog/>
6. A library of healthy, kid-friendly digital recipes <https://www.nomsterchef.com/nomster-recipe-library>

For Our Musicians...

1. thegreatcoursesdaily.com ... over 80+ free 30-minute videos on topic from learning how to play the guitar to everything else!
2. Poetry and music <https://www.thewell.world/mindful-music/mindful-poetry-moments>
3. Music is for everyone <https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Experiments>
4. 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/>
5. 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/>
6. Play instruments online! Instruments include the guitar, piano, pan flute, drums, and bongos. <https://www.virtualmusicalinstruments.com/>
7. A large selection of fun songs to help teach preschool and kindergarten students <https://www.songsforteaching.com/preschoolkindergarten.htm>
8. The Chrome Music Lab is an awesome website that makes learning music more accessible through fun, hands-on experiments. You can play with these experiments across devices- phones, tablets, laptops- just by opening the site on a web browser such as chrome. https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Experiments?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Chrome%20Music%20Lab&utm_campaign=1920%20FR%20Families%20April%2015
9. Downtown Music is in its 33rd season of free, weekly concerts at noon on Wednesdays streaming on YouTube:
For links to each concert, please visit the Downtown Music at Grace website: http://dtmusic.org/programs_schedule.htm

For Our Nature Lovers...

1. Play games and learn all about animals <https://switchzoo.com/>
2. Geography and animals <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>
3. Farmer's almanac for kids... Date, weather, moon phase, etc. <https://www.almanac.com/kids>

4. Guide to gardening for kids <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/firstgarden/>
5. This educational website hosted by the Smithsonian Museum takes a deep dive into ocean life. <https://ocean.si.edu/>
6. Alaskan Wildlife cams <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=viewing.webcams>
7. Visit Wild Kratts' page of activities and games to play including Make-Your-Own Spiderwebs and Backyard Pinecone Bird Feeders! <https://www.wildkratts.com/play-learn-wild-kratts/>
8. Make beautiful Chlorophyll prints and learn about photosynthesis (a project!) https://www.bbg.org/news/photosynthesis_to_make_with_light
9. This Canadian site FarmFood 360 offers 11 Virtual Tours of farms from minks, pigs, and cows, to apples and eggs. <https://www.farmfood360.ca/>
10. Observe the World in a Tree! https://www.bbg.org/news/observe_the_world_in_a_tree
11. Take time to learn about nature with Descanso Gardens. Go on virtual botanical garden tours, create your own artwork, and watch gardening tutorials <https://www.descansogardens.org/programsevents/descansoathome/>
12. Check out animal live-cams from around the world, including eagles, tigers, service dogs, and walrus <https://explore.org/livecams>

For Our Scientists...

1. Interactive video earth science based curriculum supplement. <https://www.everyday-earth.com/>
2. Learn all about earthquakes <https://earthquake.usgs.gov/learn/kids/>
3. Space science for kiddos <https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html> Or <https://www.nasa.gov/nasa-at-home-for-kids-and-families>
4. Just explore, have fun, and learn some science along the way. <https://thehappyscientist.com/>
5. Learn all about cells <https://www.cellsalive.com/>
6. 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>

7. This NASA initiative covers a wide range of topics including weather, climate, atmosphere, water, energy, plants, and animals. <https://climatekids.nasa.gov/>
8. From rainbows to tornadoes and winter storms to tsunamis, meteorologist Crystal Wicker breaks down the fascinating world of weather. <http://www.weatherwizkids.com/>
9. Join the Liberty Science Center for LSC in the House: where home scientists can conduct experiments, explore the world of LSC's animals, find amazing movies to watch, and get inspired about science and technology without ever leaving the living room! Be sure to come back often as experiences are updated regularly while so many of us are sticking close to home. <https://lsc.org/education/lsc-in-thehouse>
10. The Liberty Science Center hosts Virtual Science Trivia for Kids and Families every Friday at 11:30am!!
<https://lsc.org/news-and-social/news/virtual-science-trivia-for-kids-and-families>
11. At the Westchester Children's Museum, kids can participate in weekly challenges and activities as well as art and STEM-based activities via their WCM at home programming. This includes archived projects like how to make your own paintbrush, how to make squishy soap and how to make your own birds nest, to name some projects. <https://discoverwcm.org/steam-activity-center#7> and up

For Our Artists...

1. Crafts, activities, mazes, dot-to-dot, etc., <https://www.allkidsnetwork.com/>
2. NGAkids interactives offer an entertaining and informative introduction to art and art history. <https://www.nga.gov/education/kids.html>
3. A wonderful, endlessly detailed way to get kids engaged in the world of art. <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/metkids/>
4. 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/>
5. Crafts, activities, bulletin board designs, and finger plays for early education teachers and parents to use with kids. <http://www.preschooexpress.com/>
6. Kids Think Design explores careers in fashion design, graphic design, interior design, book design, product design, film and theatre, architecture, animation, and environmental design. <http://www.kidsthinkdesign.org/>

7. Watch a series of nine films from the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Private Lives Public Spaces exhibition dating back to 1927. These pieces explore a selection of works from the archives acquired over 90 years of collecting, but never before shown.
<https://www.moma.org/magazine/articles/276>
8. Stay connected with the Brooklyn Museum as they share new virtual programs, art-making activities, and more, every week! https://www.brooklynmuseum.org/connect/learn_and_teach
9. Become a cartoonist!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k66rop642Nk&list=PLYWtdFFWMhm1AniuVdgNtF79Di6aOhVm_r & https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0thYMtZj_O2jV6nS-RY7Fw/featured

For Our Energetic Friends...

1. Movement and mindfulness videos created by child development experts.
<https://www.gonoodle.com/>
2. 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>
3. A YouTube channel that walks young kids through mindfulness and other healthy habits!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUIGKhG_Vq8
4. Yankee inspired activities for everyone! From Yankee Trivia to the Chocolate Mud Cake for Champions recipe, there's something in here for every kind of Yankee fan!
<https://www.mlb.com/yankees/fans/kids>
5. We wouldn't want to forget about our Mets fans...! Check out the Mets' Amazin' Activities list!
<https://www.mlb.com/mets/fans/activities>
https://content.mlb.com/documents/6/2/4/313243624/mets_activity_pages.pdf
6. Circus at Home: Balancing Tricks!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNrhrl1m69w&feature=youtu.be&spMailingID=5158564&spUserID=OTY5NjY5Nzg4NzAS1&spJobID=1000049339&spReportId=MTAwMDA0OTMzOQS2>
7. Take Digital Tennis Lessons! Activities and tips are updated every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Plus, these resources are also accessible to children with autism, a community the USTA has been committed to serving for years through programs like [ACEing Autism](#) and [Buddy Up](#).
<https://netgeneration.usta.com/us-en/tennis-at-home.html>

For Our Mathematicians...

1. *Suspended some activities due to COVID-19* Math as a fun part of your daily family routine <http://bedtimemath.org/>
2. Elementary Math games, logic puzzles and educational resources <https://www.mathplayground.com/>
3. Math Games, Logic Puzzles and Brain Builders <https://www.mathplayground.com/>
4. Short videos about numbers that help kids explore complex math topics and make math more fun. <https://www.numberphile.com/>
5. Coding for ages 4-10 <https://www.kodable.com/>
6. Free access to math books until August 31st (K-6 math eBooks) <https://www.tumblemath.com/home.aspx>
7. 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. <https://learn.concord.org/>
8. Play Star Wars-themed coding games! <https://code.org/starwars>
9. Imagineering in a Box, a virtual lesson from Pixar and Khan Academy on how to design a Disney theme park <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/hass-storytelling/imagineering-in-a-box>
10. <https://www.coolmathgames.com/> ... need we say more?!

For Our Historians...

1. Online history classes for all ages preteen through adults <https://school.bighistoryproject.com/bhplive>
2. Digital archive of history <https://www.bunkhistory.org/>
3. Games, quizzes and fact sheets take kids on a journey through time. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/forkids/>
4. Mission US is an awesome interactive way to learn about history <https://www.mission-us.org/>
5. Take a virtual tour of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History <https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour>

For Everyone!!!

1. Check out Big Brothers Big Sister's Virtual Bowling- ***No Shoes Needed!***
 - a. Virtual Bowling Game Instructional Video- Learn how to bowl without shoes!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKRM0PbX88o&feature=emb_title
 - b. Branded Bowling Video Game- Let's Get Bowling! <http://www.bbbsmi.org/vbowling/>
 - c. Share your scores on our Facebook page!
<https://www.facebook.com/BBBSWestchester/>
2. Get free online homework help from one-on-one tutors, daily from 2–11 PM. Available in English and Spanish, from early elementary through high school grades, in core subject areas. Video content and other resources are also available 24 hours a day <https://www.nypl.org/about/remote-resources/kidsand-teens/homework-help-brainfuse>
3. 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/>
4. Gale Courses. Access to over 300 FREE instructor-led online courses. Classes run for six weeks, and new classes begin every month. Types of classes include: accounting, computer applications, legal, publishing, software, personal development and more. <https://education.gale.com/l-yonkerpl/>
5. Play with your favorite show characters and learn too <https://pbskids.org/>
6. ClickSchooling brings you daily recommendations by email for entertaining websites that help your kids learn. <https://clickschooling.com/>
7. Entertaining & educational videos for all levels and subjects <https://www.izzit.org/index.php>
8. Free Printables for PreK-2nd Grade <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Literacy-With-TheLittles/Price-Range/Free>
9. News and more for kids <https://www.youngzine.org/>
10. Resource section includes free flashcards, coloring pages, worksheets, and other resources for children, teachers, and parents. <https://supersimple.com/>
11. Life skills curriculum for students in grades K-12. Their resources include strategies for teaching social and emotional skills. <https://www.overcomingobstacles.org/>
12. Your child can play games, learn fun facts, and find out how to turn coin collecting into a hobby. <https://www.usmint.gov/learn/kids>

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

14. Sesame Street's Caring for Each Other: a collection of games, videos, and wellness tips from the popular characters <https://www.sesamestreet.org/caring> (Spanish-language activities at sesamo.com)