

NEW WAYS TO GET TOGETHER



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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, school teachers, 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. Find free and low-cost internet and computers in your area <https://www.everyoneon.org/find-offers>

For Our Book Worms...

1. <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.
2. Kanopy is offering free titles without having to use your credit. <https://www.kanopy.com/category/48060>
3. 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.

4. TumbleBooks is offering free access until August 31 to all of these resources:
<https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fHome.aspx%3fcategoryID%3d77&categoryID=77>
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. 35,000 pages of online content on the cultures and countries of the world. <https://www.countryreports.org/>
8. Free videos from around the world from grade 3-12 <https://www.projectexplorer.org/>

9. 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 Chefs...

1. thegreatcoursesdaily.com ... 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. Lets kids 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

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 Pine Cone 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/programs-events/descansoathome/>
12. Check out animal live-cams from around the world, including eagles, tigers, service dogs, and walruses <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. A human visualization platform that allows students to explore the human body in really cool ways. <https://human.biodigital.com/login?returnUrl=/dashboard>
7. 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>
8. This NASA initiative covers a wide range of topics including weather, climate, atmosphere, water, energy, plants, and animals. <https://climatekids.nasa.gov/>
9. From rainbows to tornadoes and winter storms to tsunamis, meteorologist Crystal Wicker breaks down the fascinating world of weather. <http://www.weatherwizkids.com/>
10. 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-the-house>
11. 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>
12. WOW in the World: The podcast for curious kids & their grown-ups <https://tinkercast.com/shows/wow-in-the-world/>

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.preschoolexpress.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>
& 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. Free at-home kids yoga lesson plans <https://littletwistersyoga.com/online-store/>
3. 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.sworakit.com/collections/kids-workouts>
4. A YouTube channel that walks young kids through mindfulness and other healthy habits!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUIGKhG_Vq8
5. 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>
6. 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
7. Circus at Home: Balancing Tricks!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNrhrijm69w&feature=youtu.be&spMailingID=5158564&spUserID=O TY5NjY5Nzg4NzAS1&spJobID=1000049339&spReportId=MTAwMDAoOTMzOQS2>

For Our Mathematicians...

1. 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>

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=tKRMoPbX88o&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/kids-and-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-The-Littles/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)