

## Here are some ideas for you to work on while we are being "safer at home."

- Continue to practice writing your name
- Have them find the letters in their name on an alphabet strip or in magazines, books, newspapers.
- Practice building their name using Play-Doh, yarn, cooked spaghetti
- Use different tools for writing: sidewalk chalk, shaving cream, fun pens, paint w/water on colored paper
- Help them learn to put their jacket on, zip zippers, button buttons, snap snaps. Have them start at the bottom when buttoning or snapping and everything will line up.
- Continue monitoring coughing/sneezing into their elbow or a tissue.
- Help your child learn to cleanup personal and shared spaces.
- Practice tracing and coloring skills.
- Practice appropriately using scissors: thumb in the little hole, up on top; short little cuts.
- Take any two objects and have your child tell you how they are the same (alike) and different.
- Have them identify colors by naming the color of something-clothing, toys, dishes, food, etc.; tell them to bring you three objects that are red, blue, etc.

### Pre-K Tennessee State Standards Information

- <https://www.tn.gov/education/article/early-learning-development-standards>

## English Language Arts Resources

### Pre-K & Kindergarten

- **BrainPop** - BrainPop is a group of educational websites with over 1,000 short animated movies for students in grades K-12, together with quizzes and related materials, covering the subjects of science, social studies, English, math, engineering and technology, health, and arts and music
- **EPIC** - The leading digital library for kids offering unlimited access to 35000 of the best children's books of all time
- **Fluency and Fitness** - 21 days of free access to K-2 reading and math topics while incorporating movement
- **Funbrain** - Educational games for kids of all ages. Math, reading, online books and learning games are just some of the site's many treats.
- **Funbrain Jr.** - Helps preschoolers and kindergarteners jumpstart their journey of learning with engaging online games, stories, and printables.
- **Growing Book by Book** - Bring joy and play into children's lives through books.
- **Highlights Kids** - The place for children of all ages to play games and discover new jokes, surveys, answers to science questions, and fun crafts and recipes from Highlights.
- **National Geographic Kids** - Students can explore the world through books and games.
- **Scholastic** - 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!

- [Storyline Online](#) - Storyline Online is available 24 hours a day for children, parents, caregivers, and educators worldwide. Each book includes supplemental curriculum developed by a credentialed elementary educator, aiming to strengthen comprehension and verbal and written skills for English-language learners.
- [Squiggle Park](#) - Building mastery of foundational reading skills through practice and play.
- [ReadWorks](#) - Create a free account then log on to access the FREE library of content, curriculum, and tools.
- [Reading Rockets](#) - Reading Rockets is a national multimedia project that offers a wealth of research-based reading strategies, lessons, and activities designed to help young children learn how to read and read better.
- [ReadWriteThink](#) - Looking for engaging ways to introduce your child to reading? Need some age-appropriate book suggestions or rainy day activities? The materials here are your answer—all of them created by experts to be fun, educational, and easy to use outside of school.
- [Teach Your Monster To Read](#) - Covers everything from letters and sounds to reading full sentences

## Math Resources

Pre-K & Kindergarten

- [CoolMath](#) - Math lessons and games for kids ages 3 through 12.
- [Edpuzzle Math Video Lessons for Remote Teaching](#)
- [Fluency and Fitness](#) - 21 days of free access to K-2 reading and math topics while incorporating movement. (<https://fluencyandfitness.com/register/school-closures/>)
- [Khan Academy](#) - Created by experts, Khan Academy's library of trusted, standards-aligned practice and lessons covers math K-12 through early college, grammar, and more. It's all free for learners and teachers.
- [NCTM Illuminations](#) - provides standards-based resources and materials that illuminate the vision of NCTM for school mathematics and improve the teaching and learning of mathematics for each and every student. Lessons and activities on Illuminations have been developed in alignment with NCTM's Principles and Standards for School Mathematics and the Common Core State Standards.
- [NLVM](#) - National Library of Virtual Manipulatives

## Science Resources

- [Britannica Online LaunchPacks](#) - In response to COVID-19, Britannica has made their LaunchPacks curriculum for science and social studies available for free. LaunchPacks supports virtual learning, independent study, and remote assessments across topics covered in K-12 science and social studies curricula.
- [CK-12 Foundation](#) - CK-12 offers free, high-quality, standards-aligned content in the STEM subjects. Students can explore their many learning tools, including digital textbooks, concept-based learning, SAT prep, and interactive Algebra curriculum.
- [Discovery Education Experience](#) - For U.S. schools or school systems that are experiencing closures, Discovery Education is offering free access to Discovery

Education Experience through the remainder of the school year. Discovery Education Experience is an online K-12 service combining curated curriculum resources with on-demand teaching strategies. Its standards-aligned content is assignable and meets the varying needs of diverse student populations in a safe and secure environment.

- [Kesler Science](#) - Out of School Bundles-3 Weeks of Lessons including Earth, Life, and Physical Sciences
- [Discovery Mindblown](#) - Learn and explore through Discovery Channel's Mindblown activities and videos.
- [Code.org](#) - Learn how to code through this nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding access to computer science in schools
- [Exploratorium](#) - It's hard to narrow the list of [science websites](#) because there are so many great resources. But San Francisco's Exploratorium at the Palace of Fine Arts showcases a website that teaches kids about science and art in new ways. The departments let kids tinker with gadgets, go below the sea, rocket into the galaxy and also learn about the science of gardening, animals, and cells, to name a few.
- [Everfi](#) - As educators are looking for resources to extend student learning at-home, EVERFI's Endeavor Resource, sponsored by TSIN, and other academic resources are available at no cost. Everfi's Endeavor course engage students in STEM career awareness through interactive modules and supplemental lesson plans.
- [Learning Blade](#) - The STEM practices embedded within the Learning Blade platform are changing students' self-image and efficacy towards STEM. The Learning Blade platform includes online mission challenges, hands-on lessons, and parent-student discussion topics. TSIN has made Learning Blade available to all middle school students in TN for free.
- [SciGirls](#) - SciGirls is a show for middle school students, showcasing bright, curious tween girls putting STEM to work in their everyday lives. Each half hour episode will inspire your students to explore the world around them and discover that science and technology are everywhere.
- [Smithsonian Learning Lab](#) - The Smithsonian Learning Lab puts the treasures of the world's largest museum, education, and research complex within reach. The Lab is a free, interactive platform for discovering millions of authentic digital resources, creating content with online tools, and sharing in the Smithsonian's expansive community of knowledge and learning.

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- [The Library of Congress](#) - is a great source to find historical documents, photos, art, maps, audio and video, artifacts and other items. The [American Memory](#) section organizes items based on topics, time periods and places of American history. The [World Digital Library](#), a cooperative project with UNESCO, includes rare documents from around the world.

- [PBS](#) - has a wide range of resources for students from its various programs. The most useful is likely the companion Websites for the [American Experience](#) documentary series examining important events and people in American history. Each site includes resources such as descriptions of the events, biographies of key figures, primary source documents, interactive maps and transcripts of the film. Also visit the [American Masters](#) series for biographies of historical figures.
- [The Smithsonian Institution](#) - has a wide variety of exhibitions and collections on American history and culture. It also offers [lesson plans](#) searchable by grade level, type of resource and historical topic.
- [Social Studies for Kids](#) -This site contains current world events, book reviews, geography, maps, history, culture, presidents, archeology, sports and more. Some of the information is linked to other sites.

## Read-Alouds for Elementary School Kids

*These authors are offering read-alouds of their books and books by **their** favorite authors.*

### [Roda Ahmed](#)

The author will be doing read-alouds on Instagram Live from her book *Mae Among the Stars*.

### [Diane Alber](#)

The author is reading one of her books each day on Facebook!

### [Mac Barnett](#)

The author will be reading a book a day on Instagram Live. It does not appear that he will be adding the videos to his [website](#) at this time.

### [Helene Boudreau](#)

She is hosting DRAW ME MORE: A Read-Along/Draw-Along activity on her website. She's already shared an 11-chapter chapter book (reading level grades 2-4) called MASON & THE MEGA-NAUTS.

### [James Dean](#)

The author reads various *Pete the Cat* books daily at 12:00 PM EDT.

### [Julie Falatko](#)

Enjoy a reading of Falatko's book, *Snappy the Alligator (Did Not Ask to Be in This Book)*, by *Stranger Things* actor, David Harbour. This read-aloud comes with a [teacher's guide](#).

### [Thelma Godin](#)

Oprah Winfrey reads Godin's book, *The Hula-Hoopin' Queen*, which is accompanied by a handy [teacher's guide](#).

### [Monique Gray Smith](#)

The author has added a collection of videos of herself reading from her picture books on Instagram. You may also learn more about her books on her [website](#).

### [Dan Gutman](#)

Reads 3 chapters from "Miss Blake is a Flake" each day at 2:00 PM EDT, but you can also view archives!

### [Oliver Jeffers](#)

The author will be reading one book every day on Instagram Live. Can't make it? He'll also be posting the videos to his [website](#).

## Related Content

### [Tara Lazar](#)

Live every day at noon EDT on Instagram Live. Her stories stay up each day for 24 hours.

### [Tony Medina](#)

Upcoming author Brittany Thurman reads aloud Medina's book, *Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Black Boy*.

### [Kate Messner](#)

A former classroom teacher, Messner has written more than three dozen books for kids. She's put together a library of distance learning resources for students, families, teachers, and librarians.

### [Debbie Ridpath Ohi](#)

Young kids will enjoy this great read-aloud of *Where Are My Books?* The author also provides a teacher's guide, drawing demos and shares a crowd-sourced music video based on the book.

### [David Shannon](#)

Follow the story of *A Bad Case of Stripes* as read by *Lord of the Rings* and *Stranger Things* actor, Sean Astin. Then, work through the helpful [teacher's guide](#).

### [Tanya Lee Stone](#)

Learn the story of *The House That Jane Built* as read by *The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina* actress, Kiernan Shipka. You may access activity guides [for teachers](#) or [for parents](#).

### [Jennifer Trafton](#)

She is reading a chapter a day from her book *Henry and the Chalk Dragon* on Facebook live!

## Virtual Field Trips

Students can travel around the globe through Virtual Field Trips. Covering key topics, historical events, and standards-aligned content, Virtual Field Trips is now offering engaging supplemental activities, including writing prompts and hands-on lessons, to extend the learning experience.

### [Discovery Education](#)

### [Waterford.org](#)

#### Art

- [Google Art Projects](#)
- [Norman Rockwell Museum](#)

#### Community Services

- [Post Office](#)
- [Dentist](#)

#### History

- [Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History](#)

- [Mount Vernon: Home of George Washington](#)
- [Tour the Town Colonial Williamsburg](#)
- [The Mayflower](#)
- [Washington, D.C. Our Nation's Capital](#)
- [Our Capital, Washington Memorial, Lincoln Memorial](#)
- [Inside the White House](#)
- [Tour the famous steamboat, Belle of Louisville](#)
- [Fort Harrod and Fort Boonesborough](#)
- [Tour of a Castle](#)
- [Remembering Pearl Harbor](#)
- [Statue of Liberty](#)

#### Literature

- [Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society's Online Exhibit](#)
- [Ingalls Homestead: Laura's Living Prairie](#)
- [Louisa May Alcott and the Orchard House Tour](#)
- [Sherlock Holmes Museum Tour](#)

#### Science

- [Moon Tour from Google Earth](#)
- [Dairy Farm](#)
- [4-H Virtual Farm](#)
- [Tundra Connection](#)
- [Landscapes of Nova Scotia](#)
- [Aviation Museum of Kentucky](#)
- [Coal Mine](#)
- [Mount Everest](#)
- [Tropical Rainforest in Nicaragua](#)
- [Eli Whitney Museum](#)
- [National Arboretum](#)
- [12 Famous Museums Offer Virtual Tours](#)

#### Other Fun Stuff

- [Cranberry Bog of Wisconsin](#)
- [Utz Potato Chip Factory](#)
- [Wilson Football Factory](#)
- [Carlson Orchards Factory](#)
- [Dole Banana Plantation](#)
- [Tootsie Roll Industries](#)
- [Jelly Belly Factory](#)