

Digital Educational Resources for Students and Parents

Read Aloud Stories

[HarperKids](#) – HarperCollins Children’s Books created the HarperKids YouTube Channel. Watch and listen to your kid’s favorite books, author interviews, and original content. All ages.

[Brightly Storytime](#), by Penguin Random House, features read-aloud and flip along videos, and more for kids. All ages.

Free Worksheets and Coloring Sheets to Download

[Crayola](#) offers free coloring pages to download and DIY craft ideas. Just search by category and start getting creative. All ages.

[Education.com](#) offers a huge library of digital resources, tools, and printable learning materials created by educational experts. Grades PreK to 5th.

[GreatSchools](#) is a nonprofit empowering parents to unlock educational opportunities for their child. The website has thousands of articles, tips, free worksheets, and interactive tools to help parents support their child’s learning. All ages.

Literacy and Writing Tools

[Scholastic](#) has online stories to read and corresponding activities for students. All grade levels. **NOTE: The company is offering the Scholastic Learn at Home Program for free to students affected by Coronavirus school closures.**

There are many YouTube channels that focus on teaching kids literacy skills. Here's a list of 17 great ones by [GrowingBookbyBook.com](https://growingbookbybook.com). Recommendations for all ages.

[PBS KIDS for Parents](#) offers free resources created by expert educators and child development professionals. The site has books, games, kid cooking tutorials, and more. Ages 13 and under.

[ABCmouse Early Learning Academy](#) Update - The District is in communication with ABC Mouse to set up our school codes to release to our families. Due to the current situation with school closures, communication is slow at best. If and when our codes are set up and ready to be shared with our students and families we will update you here on our website. In the meantime, as a parent, you do have the capability to set up a 30 day free trial to access the site immediately. The directions are on their homepage.

[The Learning Network](#) by The New York Times offers dozens of new writing prompts each week. The writing prompts are all based on articles, photographs, illustrations, and videos from The New York Times. Students must register for a free account to get the writing prompts. Ages 13+.

Read and play games with the Cat in the Hat, the Grinch and more on [Seussville](#). Ages 13 and under.

[Starfall](#) is a great resource for young elementary students to practice reading and math skills through games and songs. Ages 9 and under.

STEAM Educational Resources

[ScratchJr](#), designed by the Lifelong Kindergarten Group at the MIT Media Labkids, teaches kids ages 7 and under how to program their

own interactive stories and games. There is a more advanced free tool called [Scratch](#) for students ages 8+.

[Mystery Science](#) has at-home lessons like “Why do woodpeckers peck wood?” and “Why do we get hiccups?” All ages. **NOTE: The website is offering dozens of free science lessons to students who are affected by Coronavirus school closures.**

The [Smithsonian Learning Lab](#) offers free interactive learning experiences for students using millions of resources from Smithsonian museums and galleries. All ages.

[CoolMath4Kids](#) is a free “online amusement park” filled with games that are designed to make learning math fun. Ages 12 and under.

[CoolMath.com](#) teaches more advanced math with explanations that are easy to grasp on topics like algebra, pre-calculus and more. Ages 13+.

[Science Mom](#) has a kid friendly video feed full of fun at-home science experiments. Ages 13 and under.

[Elementari](#) teaches students to create code and turn their stories into illustrations. All ages. **NOTE: The company is offering free subscriptions through May 2020 or until your student’s school reopens. Learn more [here](#).**

[HelloKids](#) offers kids free step-by-step tutorials to draw dozens of animals, objects, characters, and more. All ages.

[Nat Geo for Kids](#) helps students learn about animals, geography, science experiments and more. All ages.

Learn to draw, doodle and explore new ways of writing at the Kennedy Center. Just bring some paper and pencils, pens, or crayons to [Lunch Doodles with Mo](#). **NOTE: New episodes will be posted each weekday at 1:00 p.m. ET during the Spring 2020 school shutdowns.**

Take a Virtual Field Trip

[Discovery Education](#) offers free virtual field trips around the world. Each location you click on comes with a companion guide and hands-on learning activities.

At [The Nature Conservancy](#), students can dive down to see a coral reef in the Caribbean and explore the rainforest in Borneo all in the same day – and all from the comfort of their homes.

Check out our planet like you've never seen it before on [Google Earth Virtual Reality](#).

Take a virtual tour of the [Boston Children's Museum](#).

Explore the surface of [Mars](#) as seen by NASA's Curiosity Rover.

Take a virtual tour of the world-famous [Louvre Museum](#) in Paris.

Head to the [San Diego Zoo](#) and watch the animals LIVE in their habitats.

Brain Breaks and Games

[Lumosity](#) offers free brain games to keep student minds actively engaged. All ages.

The Learning Station has a video feed of [32 Brain Break Action Videos for Kids](#). All ages.

It can be challenging for students to unplug when school is out of session, but it's important to take breaks. SmartSocial.com has lots of ideas for creating a fun [family night without screens](#).

[50+ Easy Indoor Activities for Kids](#) by hellowonderful.co.