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Hello Families!

As the school year comes to an official close, we would like to help you prepare for a fun filled summer with your children. We know that many summer plans that were focused on get-aways and mini vacations will have to be canceled due to COVID 19. Therefore, we thought you may enjoy this list of activities to keep you and your family busy in a fun and exciting way. It may not replace the big trip you had planned, but perhaps it will provide a new way to explore being with your children during this non-instructional time.

**Have a happy and safe summer!!!
Ms. O'Connell & Mrs. Fleury**

Activities to do at Home

- [GoNoodle](#)
- [BrainPOP](#)
- [Time for Kids](#) (K-6)
- [PBS Kids](#)
- [Ideas for Activities During School Closings](#)
- [Stuck at Home? These 12 Famous Museums Offer Virtual Tours You Can Take on Your Couch](#) (Video)
- [ByrdseedTV](#) (Educational Videos)
- [Reading Eggs](#)
- [Epic! Digital Book Library](#) (for kids 12 and under) (there is a cost - \$7.99/month)
- [Storyline](#) - Streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations
- [Best Music Apps and Games for Kids](#)
- [New Kids' TV Shows](#)
- [50 Books All Kids Should Read Before They're 12](#)
- [Best Family Movies](#)
- [Common Sense Selections highlighting the best movies and TV shows](#)
- [Sibling Watch-Together TV](#)
- [Best Documentaries for Kids and Families](#)
- [Common Sense Media \(reviews for what your kids want to watch before they watch it\)](#)

- Write notes, letters, draw pictures to send or drop off at local nursing homes - the elderly in nursing homes aren't allowed to have visitors right now and it will brighten their day!
- [Scratch Jr.](#) - Coding is the new literacy! With ScratchJr, young children (ages 5-7) can program their own interactive stories and games. In the process, they learn to solve problems, design projects, and express themselves creatively on the computer
- [Code.org](#) - Learn computer science
- [Kodable](#) - Programming for kids
- [Hello Ruby](#) - Hello Ruby is the world's most whimsical way to learn about computers, technology and programming. The story started with a book, and now Ruby continues her adventures in exercises, activities and videos. It's suited for kids age 5 years and older (but even adults might learn something new)
- Public libraries - many public libraries have digital books you can rent for free on their websites, along with other resources
- [Stick Figure Art](#) YouTube channel
- [450 Ivy League courses you can take online right now for free](#)
- [Met to launch "Nightly Met Opera Streams"](#) - A free series of encore Live in HD presentations streamed on the company website during the coronavirus closure
- [Emotional ABCs](#) - We teach children ages 4-11 how to figure out WHAT they are feeling, WHY they are having that emotion, and HOW to make better choices
- [TED-Ed Video Playlist](#) - Sorted by categories
- [Virtual Field Trips](#) - Over 30 virtual field trips with links
- [Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems](#)
- [Educational YouTube channels](#)
- [Unite for Literacy](#) - free online audiobooks
- [Cincinnati Zoo is Bringing the Zoo to You!](#)
- [100 things to do while stuck inside due to a pandemic](#)
- [Story time from space](#)
- [11 Amazing Places Around New York That You Can Virtually Travel To Without Ever Leaving Your Home](#)
- [Discover 10 Parks & Preserves in Albany County](#) - Are you social distancing but want to get out of the house? If you are healthy, explore one of the parks or preserves in Albany County! Governor Cuomo announced that NYS will waive all park fees as of March 16, 2020
- [Podcasts for Kids](#)
- [Calendar/list of live streams to watch](#)
- [Netflix Party Chrome extension](#) - a Chrome extension for watching Netflix remotely with friends
- [15 Broadway Plays and Musicals You Can Watch On Stage From Home](#)
- [20 Virtual Field Trips](#)

- [Math card games](#)
- [Library of Congress digital collections](#)
- [NASA](#) has made their entire media library - images, sounds, and video - public
- [Mix.com](#) - formerly stumbleupon, Mix is a social content curation site that allows you to collect articles, and content about specific interests or topics that you like. When you curate and add to your collections, your content is shared with friends and made discoverable to others on Mix who share similar interests.
- Use [Duolingo](#) to learn a new language or practice one you already know!
- [You Can Now Tour 2,500 World-Famous Museums From the Comfort of Your Own Sofa](#)
- [Free audiobooks](#)
- [The Actor's Fund](#) will be producing daily Broadway Virtual Concerts featuring stars of the stage and screen, singing and performing live (from home)! Tune in each day at 2pm and 8pm
- Getting outdoors and connecting with nature is a way to help maintain our physical and mental health (as long as you are maintaining social distancing!). Find a location near you at the [NYS Department of Environmental Conservation](#).
- [The San Diego Zoo](#) has a website just for kids with videos, activities, and games!
- [Tour Yellowstone National Park](#)
- [Explore the surface of Mars on the Curiosity Rover](#)
- The Canadian site [FarmFood 360](#) offers 11 Virtual Tours of farms from minks, pigs, and cows, to apples and eggs
- [40+ Best Indoor Activities from Busy Toddler](#)
- Atlantic White Shark Conservancy [story hour](#)
- [Wash Your Lyrics](#) - Generate a hand washing lyrics meme based on your favorite song lyrics
- [Google Earth](#) Has Virtual Tours of 31 National Parks in the U.S.
- [50 Ways to Keep Kids Engaged at Home During the Coronavirus Shutdown](#)
- Chris Field - [live streaming Afternoon Adventures](#) on Facebook every Monday-Friday until April 3rd at 3pm Eastern time (previous videos will be saved for viewing at any time)
- Coronavirus: Kids stuck at home should go on these [virtual Disney World rides](#)
- [The Palace of Versailles](#) is offering a free virtual tour
- [Free virtual tours](#) of museums, parks, and cities
- [Audible.com](#) - all stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet
- [Coach Edson's PE Classes](#) on YouTube