

Tips and Resources for Staying Safe, Healthy and Having Fun in the Times of COVID-19 (or when stuck at home on a rainy-day)

This list was compiled by The Children's Guild Foundation Autism Spectrum Disorder Center at Oishei Children's Hospital to help families keep occupied during times spent indoors. Many of the resources have been shared with us by other families and found on Facebook groups or other websites. The list is by no means comprehensive but many families enjoyed them and we thought they were worth sharing. Some of the activities may be offered for a limited time. As always, each child is different and not all of the suggestions may appeal/work for everyone.

If you have any resources you would like to add, please email Jana: jmertz@kaleidahealth.org

FOOD & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Certain Buffalo Public Schools & Community Schools are offering FREE grab and go breakfast and lunch please check the link for the latest information. Here is a link to the list of schools and more information: https://www.buffaloschools.org/Page/88598 For other areas, please contact your home district to see what is available.

http://www.211wny.org/
211 WNY is your free and confidential link to health and human services.
Every day, across Western New York, people just like you are looking for help.
211 WNY is here 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

WIFI – For households with children k-12 who do not already have access to wifi, FREE wifi is available for 60 days through Spectrum/ Charter and many of the networks are opening their wifi hotspots. It is important to note that after 60 days, their regular rates may apply. Please contact individual providers for specific details. Here is the number for Spectrum 1-844-488-8395

Here is a link to where the **free hotspots** are – you just need to type in your zip code or address: https://www.spectrum.com/free-wifi-hotspots/new-york/buffalo

RELIABLE & UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - https://www.cdc.gov/

New York State Department of Health - https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home

Kaleida Health - https://www.kaleidahealth.org/coronavirus/

World Health Organization https://www.who.int/

RESOURCES ABOUT HANDWASHING AND STAYING HOME & AUTISM SPECIFIC

Autism Speaks has a social narrative about getting sick and handwashing. https://www.autismspeaks.org/sites/default/files/flu_teaching_story_final%20%281%29.pdf

Here is the link to **COVID-19 page for Autism Speaks**: https://www.autismspeaks.org/news/covid-19-information-and-resources

Corona Virus Social Narrative https://littlepuddins.ie/coronavirus-social-story/

Carol Gray – Social Story about importance of washing hands https://carolgraysocialstories.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID-19-I-Can-Help.pdf

Autism Society link to their COVID 19 page https://www.autism-society.org/news/covid-19-preparedness-and-resources/

10 Therapeutic Activities for Children with Autism https://harkla.co/blogs/special-needs/therapeutic-activities-autism

See Handwashing visual included in this resource

RELAXATION & EMOTIONAL WELLNESS

Take a moment to breathe and/or go for a walk! Play some music that makes you calm or happy.

Factsheet from The National Child Traumatic Stress Network "Parent/Caregiver Guide to Helping Families Cope With the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)" https://www.kaleidahealth.org/coronavirus/support/outbreak factsheet 1.pdf

CALM – This is one of the most popular relaxation apps. There is a free version and, right now, they have compiled a list of FREE resources to support mental and emotional wellness during this time: https://blog.calm.com/take-a-deep-breath

10% Happier – Here is a link to their coronavirus sanity guide https://www.tenpercent.com/coronavirussanityguide

Insight Timer is a popular app with free and paid content https://insighttimer.com/

AntiStress - Relaxing Games app many of our families like – free and paid content https://apps.apple.com/us/app/antistress-relaxing-games/id1207565651

PHYSICAL FITNESS/YOGA/MOVEMENT

A little exercise, yoga, movement can work wonders on stress and be fun for the family.

GoNoodle - https://www.gonoodle.com/ Movement Powers Change® GoNoodle® engages 14 million kids every month with movement and mindfulness videos created by child development experts. Available for **free** at school, home, and everywhere kids are!

Cosmic Kids https://www.cosmickids.com/ Popular site for stories, yoga and fun.

Yoga with Adriene - https://yogawithadriene.com/ Free yoga videos

Just Dance This is on youtube, you can pick your favorite song and dance along.

Little Sports https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTIwFB4ciFi5ZClu-VlwaOg These are 15 minute follow along exercise videos that you can do in your house.

STAYING CONNECTED WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Zoom – www.zoom.com You can create a free account and hold virtual "meetings" or get togethers and see everyone on the screen. We did one the other night with about seven friends and it was like a virtual party. You can use it from a computer or phone.

Good old fashioned letters or drawings – take a moment to write a letter or make a picture and send it to a loved one, **MAIL** it to a nursing home or if you want to take a moment to thank a troop overseas, here is one organization that will send them: https://supportourtroops.org/cards-letters

Paint and Hide Some Rocks – It might make someone's day to find a pretty rock or one with a hopeful, happy message. There is a local group Sweet Buffalo Rocks that has a facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/sweetbuffalorocks and there is a popular national group where you can get a free account and register your rocks if you would like so you can follow them:

https://www.gorock.com/

Other: Try a game night, cook together, watch a movie together, have a dance party, do a puzzle or have theme nights/days.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

<u>www.amazingeducationalresources.com</u> Education Companies Offering Free Subscriptions due to School Closings (Updated): Amazing Educational Resources

https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/ WNED PBS and PBS have curated FREE, standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans and more just for New York teachers. There are also links for parents and students.

https://www.khanacademy.org/ A non-profit with the mission to provide a free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere.

https://www.abcmouse.com/ there is some free material but some is also subscription based

Ted-Ed https://www.ted.com/watch/ted-ed The TED-Ed project — TED's education initiative — makes short video lessons worth sharing, aimed at educators and students. Within TED-Ed's growing library of lessons, you will find carefully curated educational videos, many of which are collaborations between educators and animators nominated through the TED-Ed platform.

Minute Physics https://www.youtube.com/user/minutephysics These quick illustrated tutorials make for perfect minute long science lessons that you can share with your kid. Created by Henry Reich, the YouTube channel examines a wide range of fun subjects like the physics behind black holes or whether it is better to walk or run in the rain.

Buffalo Public Library – List of online resources

https://www.buffalolib.org/sites/default/files/users/dcteam/new-releases/Press%20Release%20COVID-19%20-3-24-2020%20FINAL.pdf

JUST FOR FUN ACTIVITIES & OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

Lunch Doodles - Mo Willems (beloved artist and author) is hosting a **free video series at 1:00 pm each day** Here is a link for more information: https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems/

Sensational Fun facebook – they are posting online activities including Music with Miss Sara Rogers, art and OT activities.

Disney – go for virtual rides https://people.com/travel/stuck-on-the-couch-heres-how-to-take-a-virtual-ride-on-your-favorite-disney-attractions/ or here https://people.com/travel/stuck-on-the-couch-heres-how-to-take-a-virtual-ride-on-your-favorite-disney-attractions/ or here https://www.romper.com/p/while-disney-world-disneyland-are-closed-take-your-kids-on-virtual-rides-22622893

Facebook – has a great group page, Covid-19 & Keeping Kids Busy https://www.facebook.com/groups/729876217545556/

20 Virtual Field Trips to Take with Your Kids https://adventuresinfamilyhood.com/20-virtual-field-trips-to-take-with-your-kids.html







I do not have school today.



I will stay home.



School is closed so that I can stay safe.



I am used to going to school. When I stay home, my schedule is different and that is ok.





I might feel sad, anxious, or bored because of the change.





At home, I will play and rest.

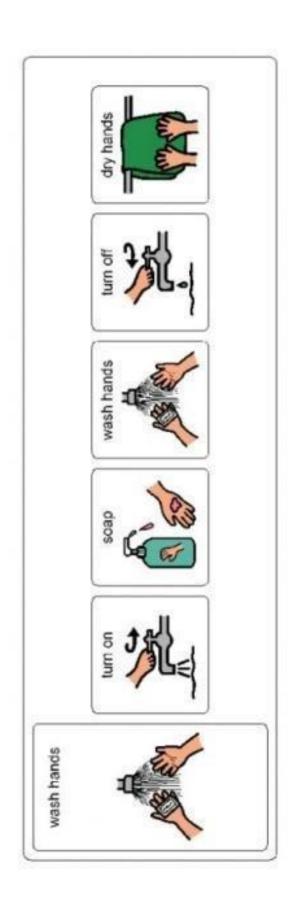


I will listen to my family.



I will be back to school soon to see my teachers and friends.





7 daily drawing prompts - week 2 a food truck a map to a secret, selling something stinky faraway place a cactus who wants a hug an under-the-sea a fruit that has made birthday party friends with a vegetable a dragon who is hoarding something other than treasure an alien on vacation SOUL SPARKLETTES

78e	Day 4 Hollywood hires you to build a movie set for a new Star Ware movie.	Day 11	Prince Charming hires you to build a castle for him & Cinderella.	Day 18	Do you wanns build a snowman? Get in the winter mood and build a snow soene.	Day 25	Design and build your dream bedroom.	What was	your favorite day?
ullei	Day 3 Your perents want to build a new home and they want you to build	Day 10	You and your friends decide to build a tree house.	Day 17	Build the fastest oar around and Join the big car- race.	Day 24	The local bank keeps getting robbed. Build a safe no one can crack.		
Challenge	Day 2 NASA needs you to build a new rocket.	Day 9	Captain Hook needs a new pirate ship and wante you to build it.	Day 16	Help your fellow ploneers build a wagon to make it across the country.	Day 23	You are now in medieval times. You are commissioned to build a fourting arena.	Day 30	There is blizzard. You will need to build a snowmobile
	Day 1 You were hired by an amusement park to create a new roller coaster.	Day 8	You and 4 friends are stranded on an island. Build a boat to find a way home.	Day 15	There is a circus in town. Build a place for the performance.	Day 22	The fence is broke and the dog keeps escaping. Build one be can't get out of.	Day 29	You are hired to build a house entirely out of yellow Legos.
7	s for each have fun	Day 7	Ford hires you to oreste the toughest pick up truck in the world.	Day 14	Mr. Hilton hires you to build a new hotel.	Day 21	You are hired to build a brand new hospital.	Day 28	ur t you m.
Day	Follow the instructions for each day. The only rule is to have fun and use your imagination!	Day 8	You are stuck on Mars and need to build a new ship to get home.	Day 13	You are asked by the President to build a new monument to George Washington.	Day 20	Pizza partyl it is up to you to make a pizza for all the guesta.	Day 27	Alions are invading The aliens have and you need to taken over. They build a war robot to robot. They wan defeat them.
30	Follow the 1 day. The on and use you	Day 6	You enter a contest to build the world's tallest tower. Will you win?	Day 18	Dr. Who hires you to build a new TARDIS.	Day 19	The city wants you to build a bridge to connect one side of the town to the other.	Day 26	You are elected ruler. Build a flag for your land.

Indoor Scavenger Hunt

IN A BAG OR BASKET. CHECK THE BOXES
AS YOU FIND EACH ONE.

- A TOY WITH WHEELS
- A BOOK WITH THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR NAME IN THE TITLE
- A PAIR OF MATCHING SOCKS
- 4 THINGS THAT ARE GREEN
- SOMETHING VERY SOFT
- A TOY SMALLER THAN YOUR HAND
- SOMETHING ROUND
- A BOOK WITH NUMBERS IN IT
- 5 LEGOS THAT ARE ALL DIFFERENT
- A PHOTO OF SOMEONE YOU LOVE
- AN ITEM YOU CAN SEE YOURSELF IN
- AN ITEM THAT MAKES YOU FEEL COZY
- A TOY THAT HAS 3 DIFFERNT COLORS
- A MOVIE THAT HAS "S" IN THE TITLE
- YOUR SNUGGLIEST STUFFED ANIMAL

Ready for snack? Make sure everything gets put back where it belongs!

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

IN A BAG OR BASKET. CHECK THE BOXES
AS YOU FIND EACH ONE.

- 5 LEAVES THAT LOOK DIFFERENT
- A STICK THAT IS LONGER THAN YOUR HAND
- A ROCK WITH SPOTS ON IT
- A FLOWER
- A FLAT ROCK
- 10 BLADES OF GRASS
- SOMETHING YOU LOVE TO PLAY WITH
- A PIECE OF TRASH YOU CAN RECYCLE
- SOMETHING THAT IS BROWN
- SOMETHING THAT IS HEAVY
- SOMETHING THAT IS VERY LIGHT
- SOMETHING THAT NEEDS SUN TO LIVE
- AN ITEM SMALLER THAN YOUR THUMB
- SOMETHING THAT STARTS WITH "M"
- SOMETHING THAT SMELLS GOOD

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ART RESOURCES FOR DIGITAL ART

MATISSE'S PIECES- explore shape and color through making works of art similar to Henri Matisse http://toytheater.com/matisse-piece.php
PICASSO HEAD-create portraits in the style of Pablo Picasso
www.picassohead.com/create.html

JACKSON POLLOCK- move mouse across screen to create a unique work in the style of Jackson Pollock jacksonpollock.org

AMINAH'S WORLD- create a digital collage based on Ohio Artist Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson www.aminahsworld.org

JULIAN OPIE- create self portraits inspired by Julian Opie's series of portraits installation at Tate Britian in London

www.artisancam.org.uk/flashapps/exploreselfportraits/

CANVASTIC- use circles, ovals, squares, rectangles, and triangles to make abstract art in the style of Kasimir Malevich https://canvastic.net

MONDRIMAT- experiment with space, color, and visual rhythm based on the theories of Piet Mondrian www.stephen.com/mondrimat/

ROY LICHTENSTEIN- explore the work of the famous Pop Artist creating ones own comic book style painting using Benday Dots

www.artisancam.org/uk/flashapps/explorepopart/roy.php

THE ARTIST'S TOOLKIT- create an abstract work baed on Auguste Herbin using primary colors, secondary colors, and geometric shapes

archive.artsmia.org/artists_toolkit/create_color_primary.cfm.html

WASSILY KANDINSKY- create abstract works of art using concentric circles and design principle harmony in the style of Kandinsky https://mrdoob.com/projects/harmony/#circles

THINK DRAW- create a still life inspired by Van Gogh by dragging shapes to the center canvas to create an image www.thinkdraw.com

PAUL CEZANNE- create a still life inspired by Paul Cezanne by dragging organic and geometric shapes to the center canvas to create an image www.thinkdraw.com/?

theme=fruit

ROMAN MOSAICS- create a mosaic by using geometric patterns, greek keys, or roman mazes www.gwdir.demon.co.uk/jo/masaic/mkmosaic.htm

SUMINAGASHI- mimics "floating ink" process of mixing water and ink to transform it into colorful marbling plain paper haxiomic.github.io/GPU-Fluid
Experiments/html5/

MANDALAS- meditative technique using a circle geometric design to create a work of art https://www.myoats.com/create.aspx?

KALEIDOSCOPE PAINTER- similar to real kaleidoscopes start with a patterns adding lines that are mirrored and multiplied https://permadi.com/java/spaint/spaint.html

IMAGINARY CITIES- invent scenes and places of an imaginary city that artists could live in https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/games-quizzes/my-imaginary-city COLORFUL MOSAICS- create ones own virtual lite-brite mosaic www.happydaric.com/lite-brite/index.html



Art Museums With Virtual Tours

Tate Kids: Virtual Online Art Museum: art activities, art games, explore artists, and art gallery; https://www.tate.org.uk/kids

Met Kids: The Metropolitan Museum Of Art: Explore the museum, hop in a time machine, and watch videos about famous artist; https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/metkids/

MOMA Destination Modern Art: Intergalatic journey to the Modern Art and Contemporary
Art Museum in New York. https://www.moma.org/interactive/destinations/#
Getty Games: Visit the Getty Museum of Whyville: Play free online games with Getty Art!
Test your memory, play detective, or solve a puzzle! www.getty.edu/gettygames/

Country Dog Gentleman Travel to Extraordinary Worlds: Video Series on adventures to learn about famous artists in San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Collection. https://www.sfmoma.org/series/countrydogs/

NGAkids Art Zone: Informative introduction to art history using computer-based activities that encourage exploration and creativity https://www.nga.gov/education/kids.html
Curious Corner: Visit the Art Institute of Chicago to explore curiosities through story time, match up, and playing with art https://archive.artic.edy/cc/index.html

ArtGames: Albright Knox Art Gallery: interactive website with gallery games, art cards, and information about famous artists https://www.albrightknox.org/community/ak-innovation-lab/artgames-20

Art K12 Art History Curriculum Designed as Fun: Variation of art history games such as concentration, crossword puzzles, and matching games

https://artk12.com/category/games/

A. Pintura Art Detective: The Case of Grandpa's Painting play as a 1940s noir detective using art history, art compositions, and art concepts to solve mysteries https://www.eduweb.com/pintura/





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FREE EDUCATIONAL SITES

SCHOLASTIC LEARN AT HOME

Google "Scholastic Learn at Home" for quick access

PBS LEARNING MEDIA

ni.pbslearningmedia.org

NAT GEO 4 KIDS

kids.nationalgeographic.com

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highlightskids.com

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storylineonline.net

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abcmouse.com

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wonderopolis.org

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learninga-z.com

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brainpop.com

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vooks.com/teacher-appreciation

PHONICS HERO

phonicshero.com

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squigglepark.com/dreamscape

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switcheroozoo.com

BOOM LEARNING

wow.boomlearning.com

KIDS DISCOVER

online.kidsdiscover.com

TIME FOR KIDS

timeforkids.com

GONOODLE

gonoodle.com

Seize the Opportunity of Home Quarantine Instead of lamenting the hardship and boredom of this weird time in history, assume it is a blessing in disguise. Use it to rejuvenate, discover new passions and do those things you never have time for. Tick the ideas you're willing to try and share this list. Sort and tag your digital photos Write a poem or story Join an online community. of likeminded people Make into a collage or poster Start a Journal or Blog Reach out to someone who lives Research your next holiday Read the books you alone or is feeling anxious never have time for Do a photography project ☐ Host a Skype / Zoom dinner party Yoga or exercise class Attend a Twitter Conference Or a virtual support group Spruce up your CV Declutter. Baby steps. Get some positivity into your Start your novel social media feed Research a charity to support Try an art project Try positive psychology activities Prep and freeze some meals for when you're sick or back at work Binge on iview Cook an amazing breakfast Create a digital scrapbook Revamp your garden Create an amazing treasure hunt or clue-trail for a family member Start a gratitude journal ■ Practice mindfulness Get familiar with online grocery ■ Write letters of love or thanks Try an eLearning course shopping: create favourites lists to your people. Post them. Make a cook book Or virtual dance party: You dress Research something you have Create homemade gifts up and groove to the same music always wondered about Phone old friends Organise your music playlist Have a scented bubble bath with candles and music Play parlour games Reorganise your wardrobe ■ Write an advice letter to the Fix broken stuff Delete all the apps you don't use teenager you were. Write and discover some new ones Design a dream home another to yourself in 20 years. ☐ Hold a family or street singalong ■ Practice forgiveness Learn a heritage skill like: Try some science experiments baking, woodwork, preserving, mosaic, Plan your next party ceramics, cheese making, fermenting, Deliver supplies to those in need foraging, quilting, slow cooking, soap + Kick a bad habit candle making, crochet, permaculture, Rediscover a dusty appliance, Try adult colouring in knots, fire building, home remedies. instrument or boardgame Draw an apple using a different Join a virtual bookclub Research training opportunities style each day, for a week. Find great podcasts for when the world reopens Attend a virtual symphony ■ Build something amazing with Update your goals Catch up on great movies Lego (You know you want to) Upcycle something Learn to say a favourite phase or ☐ Brainstorm marketing ideas for Build a free website quote in 7 different languages your business, club or charity Re-arrange furniture Write to your MP about an issue Try Creatively Visualising goals Start a dream Journal Create a list of "Things to be Create a detailed spreadsheet of Happy About": add to it each day how you would spend \$10 million ☐ Binge TED Talks Created for attributed, non-commercial free sharing. evolvevents.com.au