

Free Resources To Use With Students During School Closures

#kidlitquarantine- Authors and Illustrators are jumping in to help out! Under the hashtag #kidlitquarantine there are read alouds, drawing activities, and writing activities available for students by their favorite authors. (All ages) List of authors who are participating and activities/times, centralized calendar

Google Lit Virtual Field Trips based on books- Lit Trips are downloadable files that mark the journeys of characters from famous literature on the surface of Google Earth. Along the way, placemarks with pop-up windows contain "just in time" resources including relevant media, thought-provoking discussion starters, and links to supplementary information about "real world" references in that portion of the story. (all ages)

<u>Illinois Digital Educator Alliance</u>- The IDEA staff has been gathering suggestions and resources to support you during your planning and preparation for possible e-learning within your districts (all ages)

<u>Smekens Literacy Lessons</u>- Access to free, ready-to-use mini-lesson videos. Developed in response to school closures caused by COVID-19, this growing collection of K-12 reading and writing lessons allows teachers to share videos directly with students. All of the lessons are being developed by the literacy experts at <u>Smekens Education</u>, a fully-vetted Technical Assistance Partner with the Indiana Department of Education. (K-12)

<u>Jennifer Findley</u>-free remote home learning resources for 4th and 5th graders that are printable. Some of these resources are forever freebies and some are free for a limited time to help ease the stress and help you plan for your students. (4-5)

<u>At Home Learning Resources</u>- Grades 2-5 Join the freebie vault to access 4 weeks of FREE resources to use for your distance learning plans while schools are closed. (2-5)

<u>Readworks</u>- Comprehension passages at different lexile levels with questions- always free (K-12)

Audible-an incredible collection of stories, including titles across six different languages,

<u>Lalilo</u> Students work on adaptive exercises in phonics, word recognition, and comprehension. (K-2)

<u>Times for Kids</u> Articles for students to read and interact with (K-6)

<u>Scholastic Free Virtual Learning</u>- Day by day projects to keep kids reading, thinking and growing (Pre-K-6+)

Starfall- Grades Pre-K through 2nd- free resources for phonics and read-along stories



(Pre-K-2)

NewsELA- Free access for the remainder of the year (K-12)

Read, Wonder, and Learn! Favorite Authors & Illustrators Share Resources for Learning Anywhere-Spring 2020- Kate Messner (all ages)

<u>Learning A-Z</u>- All parts of Learning A-Z are available free trials for 14 days (K-6)

<u>ReadAskChat</u> is sharing a code so PreK and K families can have access to their digital library through April: 5RVLD4 (Pre-K - K)

<u>Discovery Education</u>- Free access for the remainder of the year- must fill out a form for school districts (K-12)

BrainPop- Free access for the remainder of the year, schools must apply (K-8)

<u>ABC Mouse & Adventure Academy</u>- Schools can apply to receive free access until the end of the year (Pre-K-8)

Moby Max- Online Learning- free for the remainder of the year, schools must request access (K-8)

<u>Storyline Online</u>- Free literacy program where actors read to children, this is always a free resource (Pre-K-8)

Kahoot-Free access to all Kahoot features (K-8)

Ben Clanton FB Live Author Visit- Author of Narwhal and Jelly will be doing a free author visit on March 18 at 11 am pst and March 20 at 2pm

FCPS- Fairfax County Public Schools- List of Activities for their students (K-6)

<u>Albert</u>-Thousands of standards-aligned practice questions for grades 6-12. Curriculum coverage of ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, AP, SAT®, ACT®, Regents, STAAR, and Common Core needs. Albert is providing extended free pilot licenses for schools impacted by COVID-19. (6-12)

PHET- Interactive Simulations for Elementary through High School (3-12)

EPIC- Free digital library for students - this is always a free resource (K-12)

<u>Tynker</u>- Tynker offers a complete online computer coding curriculum for students K-8. Teachers can get free lessons, projects, and more on the site. (K-12)

120 Free Math and Literacy Games (K-2)

<u>Vooks</u>- kid-safe online streaming library of read-aloud animated storybooks, free for one year for teachers (Pre-K-3)



<u>Khan Academy</u>- Online learning website. They also created a <u>Daily schedule for students 4-18</u> (Pre-K-12)

No More Flashcards-Resources and Ideas for Pre-K Students-(Pre-K)

<u>Lakeshore Learning</u>- Free resource pages for all subject areas (K-5)

BreakoutEDU- Digital educational games students can play at home (K-12)

Nearpod - Free online learning (K-12)

<u>Peekapak</u> - A gamified SEL resource with a focus on application of skills, reading, and ELA standards.

<u>Leader in Me</u> - SEL Sample Lessons - scroll down (K-8)

SEL_SEL Teacher Resource page with free curriculum and other resources (all ages)

Opinion Writing- Video lessons by Jamie Sears- In the lessons she reads a mentor text, teaches a lesson, models how to fill in the graphic organizer and gives students a daily task to complete. (2-5)

YouCubed: A variety of free tasks and more that can be used with students (K-12)

<u>Virtual School Activities</u> - A collection of sites to live webcams, virtual tours/trips, and other miscellaneous fun educational sites. (This site is updated every few days) (all ages)

Free Virtual Field Trips- (all ages)

Resources for English Learners (all ages)

ISBE's Continuing Education Resources (Scroll down the page)

ISBE's Open Educational Resources

<u>Studies Weekly-</u> Free access to all studies weekly curriculum. Their online platform includes all student editions, Teacher Editions, lesson plans, English Language Arts integrations, and customizable assessments, and pairs with the company's periodical-based printed materials.

<u>Together When Apart</u> Each week, they release a new week-long, interdisciplinary inquiry for early and intermediate learners that explores the question: How can we stay connected when we're apart?

Education Companies Offering Free Subscriptions due to School Closings

Resources for Art



<u>Art & Craft Tutorials with McHarper Manor</u> (Visual Arts Studio in Ohio)- Everyday at 1pm (all ages)

Art for Kids Hub on YouTube every Thursday (K-6)

Resources for Math

Prodigy Adaptive math practice wrapped in role-playing adventure (1-8)

<u>Illustrative Mathematics</u>: free resources (tasks aligned to content standards) that can be printed and used with students (K-12)

<u>DreamBox Learning</u>- Online Math Learning free for 90 days (K-8)

<u>CueThink</u> -Social approach to problem-solving promotes deep math learning (5-12)

Math Score - adaptive math activities (K-12)

Resources for PE and Health

Yoga Ed Youtube Channel - Yoga for Children

<u>Alo Yoga Youtube Channel</u> - Yoga for Children

OMTastic Yoga Free Yoga Resources for Children and Families

PE Remote Learning Welet Resources

OPEN - Online Phusical Education Network

Cosmic Kids Yoga Yoga, mindfulness and relaxation designed specially for kids aged 3+

Resources for Science

Science with a Side of Awesome - Crash Course Kids YouTube

NIU Stem Read - STEM Read uses online programs to inspire readers to learn more about the science, technology, engineering, and math concepts in popular fiction. (K-12)

<u>Digital Rainforest Project for Google Classroom</u>-Use technology to give students a fun, interactive to show off what they research about Rainforest Animals! Google Classroom project is great for school closure or at home learning. This DIGITAL differentiated Rainforest Animal Research project helps reach the needs of all students while providing rigorous and engaging learning experiences (1-2)



Mystery Science- Free K-5 mini lessons available- schools can gain access to all mystery science for the remainder of the school year if they apply. (K-5)

Illinois Department of Natural Resource Lessons (K-12)

Mosa Mack Science - Engaging design challenges turn kids into actual science detectives. (4-8)

Best Science Websites (6-12)

Resources for Social Science

iCivics - Exceptionally well-designed games, lesson plans demystify government (6-12)

Resources for Multilingual Students

Supporting Multilingual Learners-Larry Ferlazzo

Audible-an incredible collection of stories, including titles across six different languages,

Teaching Multilingual Learners Online

WIDA Global Community - Online Learning Ideas

Resources for Special Education

Apps to Help Special Needs Students Learn at Home

Council for Exceptional Children FREE Membership

Resources for Learning Packets

<u>"LEARNING PACKETS" FOR STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL CLOSURES</u>-this site is often updated with new districts being added (K-12)

FOX LAKE GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 114 scroll down to the middle of the page (K-8)

Grade Level Resource Folders (PK-12)

Resources for Teachers and Families

Comcast Internet Essentials Program - Free for low-income customers for 60 days (all families)

LTC PDF of Resources for Parents

<u>Jennifer Seravllo Blog Post</u>- If you're teaching remotely for the first time, support is available right now from Jennifer Serravallo. Read "14 Ideas on Remote Learning from Jennifer Serravallo and Friends" to get her thinking on everything from:

- how to get going with digital instruction
- what essential supplies students will need



how to keep instructional simple and effective.

<u>PBS Learning Media</u>- WTTW and PBS have curated FREE, standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more just for Illinois teachers like you.

<u>Calm</u>- free of charge tools to take care of our minds and stay grounded. Enjoy this curation of content hand-picked to support your mental and emotional wellness through this time. And check back soon as we'll be updating these resources regularly. (all ages)

Parent's Guide to using Google Classroom 2020 (families)

<u>IL_ELACom-</u> They created a curation of some of the best items they have seen to work with students virtually. (districts)

105 Tools for Distance Learning & Strategies for Student Engagement (K-12)

<u>Edpuzzle</u>-Choose a video, give it your magic touch and track your students' comprehension.(teachers)

<u>Google Support Resources</u>- distant learning resources (teachers)

Book Creator - Edtech tool - Online book creator all features free for now (K-12)

Read the World- Digital Learning Support for teachers and families (all ages)

Elematari- Bring writing alive- free license for districts until May 2020 (K-12)

Explain Everything - Edtech tool - Free extended access (K-12)

WeareTeachers- Online post with 60 resources to use for school closures (K-12)

Educational companies offering free subscriptions and online content (K-12)

<u>Educational Resources for School Closing</u>- Online group that compiled a list, there is also a facebook group to follow called <u>Educator Temporary School Closure for Online Learning</u> (teachers)

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