

Reading / Writing

Write and/or perform a song	Listen to audiobooks (free through the public library)	Create your own comic book or graphic novel	Read to a family member, pet, or stuffed animal	Do a crossword puzzle
Write a poem or story and illustrate it	Illustrate your favorite story	Set a reading goal for the day and try to increase it by ten minutes each day we are out of school	Play board games - see below for list of suggestions	Set a reading goal for the day and try to increase it by ten minutes each day we are out of school
Write a letter to a relative	Write a letter to a family member that lives far away	Make cards for elderly people which can be delivered to a home	Write a journal about your family's activities	Keep track of your activities (keep a journal)
Keep a reading journal of your reading	Read a book on Epic Class code W: mzx2983 Class code G: jgk1511	Turn your favorite book into a skit	Write an alternate ending for a book	Work in <u>Spelling City</u>

Board / Card Games for Literacy

Banana grams (Jr.)
Scrabble (Jr.)
Word O
Alphabet go fish

Boggle (Jr.)
Happy Hats
Scrabble Apple
Linkee

Zingo
Sight Word Swat!
Get the Picture

Math

Create a floor plan for your room or another room in your house to include perimeter and area	Look for items that are different shapes and write down or take pics (i.e. parking spot lines = rectangles)	Make your own flashcards for math skills your class is working on	Find collections of multiple items in your home (spoons, legos, pillows, etc.). Estimate how many there are, then count and compare your estimate with the actual quantity).	Count out large quantities of items, making groups of tens and ones
Cook a meal with your family	Do a jigsaw puzzle	Play board games - see below for list of suggestions	Play math games at Greg Tang Math	Engage with math lessons/games on iReady
Find and take pictures of math - shapes, prices, formulas, etc.	Make putty, oobleck, etc	Practice Math Facts	Work on IXL 3rd grade: area and perimeter 4th grade: multiplication and division	Play Prodigy

Board / Card Games for Math Literacy

Backgammon	Othello	Dice games
Battleship	Go	Blockus
Black Box	Go Fish	Rummikub
Checkers	Mancala	Shut the Box
Chinese Checkers	Mastermind	Zingo
Chess	Memory	Racko
Chutes and Ladders	Parcheesi	
Connect Four	Uno	
Dominos	Sequence	

Inquiry Activities

Build the highest structure you can with only playing cards, tape, and pasta	Go into Seesaw to see if I've posted any assignments for you	Check out Google Classroom for inquiry ideas.	Go on Mystery Science	<u>Do a science experiment</u>
Take a walk outside and record your observations in a science journal, note wonderings and observations	Design and create a Rube Goldberg Machine	Build a fort	Learn a new skill and create a way to share your new skill with your class (could be self-care, home participation, athletic, musical, academic	<u>Explore the Inquiry Padlet</u> on a topic (will continue to be updated.)
Research composting with your family & consider starting it at home	Collect items from outside and make them into pictures/creatures, etc. (acorns as heads...)	Draw 5 items in your home to work on observational drawing (drawing from life)	Create a meal plan for the week. Use a grocery flyer (usually mailed home) to calculate the costs to prepare the meal.	Create an invention using recycled /repurposed materials found around your home.

Board / Card Games that promote problem solving and strategy

The amazing Labyrinth
Othello
Chess

Checkers
Sorry
Rumis

Stratego
Risk

Related Arts / SEL

Teach a family member about brave breaths - how and when to use them	Write and/or perform a song	Keep track of your activities (keep a fitness journal)	Play outside for 30 minutes	Dance to your favorite music
ArtForKids Hub on YouTube for art tutorials	Offer to help with chores around the house	Build an obstacle course and challenge yourself to complete it	Make a poster relating to one of the Choose Love topics	Create a picture/painting in a specific style you've learned about
Create a workout calendar	Make a kind card for someone who needs a little sunshine.	Go on Minecraft	Check out the Library page at SMS and watch a Brainpop video or do some research: SMS Library Page Brainpop username: stratham Password: smswolves	Build something with legos

Tracking your thinking over the course of a book:

I used to think _____, but now I think _____.

I still think _____, but I'd like to add _____.

Others think _____, but I think _____.

Things to track over time:

A character:

- How does he/she change?
- What insights does the character gain?

What big ideas are being developed?

- What conflict arises?
- What do these conflicts tell the reader?
- What claims does the author make? What passages support these claims?

What techniques/moves does the writer make?

- What literary devices are used? (e.g. foreshadowing, personification).
- Where does the author use punctuation and sentence structure effectively?
- What are the key passages? Why?
- Notice beautiful sentences/passages. Comment on them.

Track your confusion

- What is confusing at the beginning of the book? Does the confusion remain or does it clear up?
- What passages/sentences/words do you find confusing? Show evidence that you are wrestling with the confusion.

Thought starters:

- I noticed...
- I wonder...
- I was reminded of...
- I think...
- I'm surprised that...
- I'd like to know...
- I realized...
- If I were...
- The central issue(s) is (are)...
- One consequence of _____ could be...
- If _____, then...
- I'm not sure...
- Although it seems...

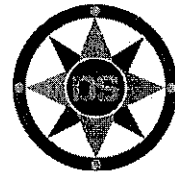
"That" statements

This passage makes me think that...

This makes me feel that...

The author is suggesting that...

Source: Donna Santman/Kelly Gallagher



G.H.O.S.T Directions

Goal:

NOT to spell a word of 4+letters

Process:

1. Someone starts by naming any letter.
2. Each person contributes another letter, taking turns in a circle. (always spelling a real word in their heads but don't tell!).
3. Keep going in this fashion. The trick is to keep going without a real word landing on you!
4. If you think a person is saying a letter without a real word in mind, you can say "I challenge" and if they don't say a real word, they get a "G." And you start a new round.
5. The other way to get a "G" is if a word lands on you. For example, if the letters people have said are "sen" and you see no way out of saying "t", you are in trouble! But if you are creative and say "s", you are in the clear and the next person is in trouble!
6. Keep starting new rounds until someone has gotten G.H.O.S.T! And that person is out and then keep playing till you have a last person standing!

ONLINE EDUCATION RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Book Creator: <https://bookcreator.com/pricing/>

Kids can create a book about ANYTHING they want online! Easy to navigate! Free account available.

Newsela: <https://newsela.com>

Awesome site with articles to address almost all interests, news, science, history, sports, different cultures, outstanding people, kid stories.. ALL leveled! You can change the level of the texts! Spanish also available! AND FREE to teach and parents right now!

Epic!: (National Geographic): <https://www.getepic.com>

Digital Library for students K-6. 35,000 great books, learning videos etc. Free trial available for a month and \$7 after that....

Kahn Academy: <https://khanacademy.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360040167432-How-can-Khan-Academy-be-used-for-remote-learning-during-school-closures->

Hundreds of Lessons online in many, many languages!! FREE for us all during this time!

Brain Pop: [https://www.brainpop.com/free-trial/?](https://www.brainpop.com/free-trial/?who_am_i=home&promo_code=BPCVFA&utm_source=covidhub&utm_medium=button&utm_campaign=coronavirus&utm_content=free-family)

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Awesome, simple to use research on a topic really.. videos for kids, and a place to draw and write about your child/student learned! Free access for the duration of school closures!

Crash Course Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids>

Science Site with a kind young person narrating short video lessons of interest like: Food, gravity, sun and earth. Very clear and engaging!

Nature Detectives: Nature Oriented Activities to do with your Kids

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/categories/children-and-families/>

Science Mom: <https://science.mom/videofeed.html#projects>

Great site for some fun science activities involving stuff you have in your house! For example, "The Science Behind Slime!" where you make slime and learn about the science of it!

Cbeebies Radio: <https://us.cbeebies.com>

Stories online from the BBC (in Spanish as well!)

Oxford Owl for Home: Leveled, online readers, and literacy learning: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page>

World Geography Games: <https://world-geography-games.com>

Zearn Math: <https://about.zearn.org/distance-learning>

Great online math support, mini lessons, fluency practice etc. for students K-5. Used by lots of schools!

Live webinar for parents next week to learn more! And free to all for duration of school closures!

Mon 3/23 12pm | Tue 3/24 12pm | Wed 3/25 2pm | Thu 3/26 2pm | Fri 3/27 2pm