



## Online Activity Resources and Ideas

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**Hello Kids 'n Kinship Participants. We know everyone is missing face to face time, but we didn't want social distancing to mean we lose contact with each other. We are so encouraged to hear matches who are FaceTiming, texting, writing and sending things in the mail to one another! You all are so Awesome!**

**We hope this list of online activity ideas will help you all spend some more time with one another other!**

**As always we hope you all continue to stay healthy, have fun, and stay in touch!**

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**MINNESOTA OPERA SING-A-LONG**

Music isn't only a source for entertainment, but can be healing and soothing during difficult times. That is why the Minnesota Opera created [At Home with the Minnesota Opera!](#) Check out their full collection of shows including their [Resident Artists](#) featuring up and coming youth!

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### 3D view of Animals on your smartphone

If you type an animal's name into Google (on an iPhone or Android) and then scroll down to where it says "meet a life size..." and press 'View in 3D'. It brings up your camera and then a few seconds later you have that animal in your house! You can take a photo of the kids with them and they can walk around it.



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### New Activities from the Minneapolis Institute of Art!

Home art making, virtual tours, activities, teaching resources, and even live family events can all be found at the Minneapolis Institute of Art's ["Art from Home" webpage!](#) Just what you need for weekend inspiration!

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## Let's Get Loon-y!

Quarantine got you feeling a little loon-y? You'll fit right in with the Minnesota United fans and their online resources for kids! Check out coloring sheets, word searches, mazes, and more on their [Funtivities Page!](#)



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## Grow Up Great with Resources from PNC

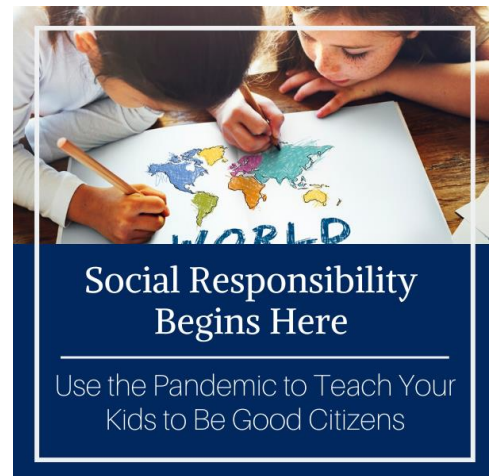
- [Caring Reminders for Families from Daniel Tiger](#)
- [Sesame Street Family Activity Guides](#)
- [Free, high-quality lesson plans for your earliest learners](#)
- [How to turn everyday moments into learning opportunities](#)

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Social distancing efforts have led us to see connection as a threat rather than a strength. Yet, the health of our communities depends on each of us taking individual actions to help others. This includes kids, as much as adults.

If you're like our family, you may be feeling a bit (OK, let's be real, a lot) overwhelmed by all of the lessons we suddenly find ourselves needing to teach our children as many schools move from in-person to online distance learning platforms. [It turns out, I'm really bad at 3rd grade math!] Yet, I'd argue we have an unprecedented opportunity in this pandemic to teach our kids the REALLY important lessons—lessons not often found in worksheets or reading assignments—that could fundamentally and radically shape the way they think about and contribute to our communities.

I would suggest that some good will have come from this crisis if, on the other side of all of this, we've taught our kids . . .



- that our community works together to take care of one another;
- about their responsibilities for the greater good (including people and public spaces), even if they're still little;
- to notice (and show gratitude for) the people who serve our community in important and diverse ways; and
- to see and understand injustice, and that even in times of crisis not everyone is afforded the same protections and resources.

*By Amy K. Syvertsen, PhD, Director of Applied Quantitative Research and Senior Research Scientist*

[Click here to read more>>](#)

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### **The Science Museum of Minnesota at Home!**

Here comes the weekend and you are probably looking for activities to keep the kids occupied! Our friends at the [Science Museum of Minnesota](#) have dozens of easy experiments using materials you likely have at home! Check out [Learn from Home](#) resources now!

## **Activities you can do online with friends or family**

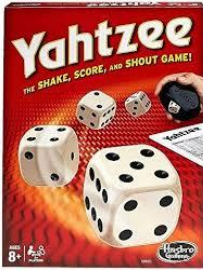
<https://www.insider.com/online-games-activities-to-try-with-long-distance-friends-family-2020-3#share-your-computer-screen-with-friends-and-virtually-take-a-group-trip-to-a-world-landmark-17>

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## **Board and Card games**

If you're feeling old school, there are several online board and card games that can be played with friends — not everything has to be a “video game” in the modern sense.

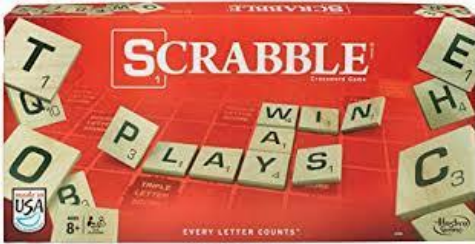
# Yahtzee



<https://www.pogo.com/games/yahtzeeparty#game>

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# Scrabble



<https://earlyaccess.pogo.com/games/scrabble>

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# Chess

<https://tabletopia.com/games/chess>

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# Uno



<https://www.letsplayuno.com/>

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# Monopoly



<https://www.pogo.com/games/monopolyclassic?sl=2&gamekey=monopolyclassic>

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# Word with friends:



<https://apps.facebook.com/wordswithfriends/>

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# Rummy



<https://www.classicrummy.com/blog/games-you-can-invite-your-friends-to-play-online/>

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**Pictionary like game with private rooms for friends.**



<http://skribbl.io/>

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**Boggle**

<https://www.pogo.com/games/boggle>

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## Risk



<https://www.pogo.com/games/risk>

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## Settlers of Catan



<https://catanuniverse.com/en/>

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## Dominos





<https://tabletopia.com/games/classic-dominoes>

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## Connect 4



<http://connect-4.org/>

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## BattleShip

<https://papergames.io/en/battleship>

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Play a board game together online while video chatting or on a phone call!

<https://en.boardgamearena.com/> (multiple game options)

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## Apps for kid for multi player games

<https://www.common sense media.org/lists/multiplayer-apps>

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**Mario Kart Tour**: Grab Mario, the princess and all of your favorite childhood classic Nintendo pals, toss them in a go-kart, and you're off! This version raises the stakes even higher, putting you face-to-face with courses that take you underwater and even hang gliding. And the mobile version allows you to bring your friends along for a little friendly competition.



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**Fairway Solitaire**: The original puzzle solitaire game. "Hit the fairway" and complete daily challenges, earn rewards and find collectables! While playing, you can join a club, meet new friends, play together, get your club on the leaderboard and win incredible prizes! Clubs unlock at level 14 and anyone can join. Work together to earn club chips to unlock incredible prizes! The game can be played on iOS, Google Play and Amazon. Ages Rating is 4+ and the average player age range is 40-65. Complete clever solitaire puzzles, master the course and earn prizes!



## Other Activities

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**Watch the world together on earth Cam**

<http://www.earthcam.com/>

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## Sing together

<http://www.smule.com/apps>

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## Draw together

<http://flockdraw.com/>

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## Here's a Massive List of Museums, Zoos, and Theme Parks Offering Virtual Tours

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/travel/a31784720/best-virtual-tours/>

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Download fun educational apps that matches can work on together

[Duolingo](#) - learn a new language!

[DragonBox](#)-Math Fun for all levels

Science360d (App) - created by National Science Foundation, showcases advance science, engineering new images and videos for kids

Free Flow (APP) - puzzle game

Spelling Stage (APP) -fun game with words and spelling/vocabulary and reading/writing

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Learn how to make simple music together! Soundtrap is a free music interface that only needs a web browse, and allows multiple people to collaborate on the same track.

<https://www.soundtrap.com/>

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YouTube Movies has 400 movies available on the platform for free! Pick one and watch!  
[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHPTxTxC0ibVZrT2\\_WKWUI2SAxsKuKwx](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHPTxTxC0ibVZrT2_WKWUI2SAxsKuKwx)

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Through Barnes & Noble's Nook app, download and read free books! Over 250,000 available! See books available here: <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/kids/ /N-tu1>

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50 Fun DIY Activities for Kids: <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/craft-ideas/how-to/g1389/diy-kidsactivities/?slide=1>

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Get active! 87 energy busting indoor games and activities:  
<https://whatmomslove.com/kids/active-indoor-games-activities-for-kids-to-burnenergy/> HyVee

Kids Fit: <https://hy-veekidsfit.com/at-home/>

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The internet can provide tens of thousands of STEM resources. Here are just a few of our favorites recommended by our friends at the Science Museum of



Minnesota!

- [NASA: Make Mars- or Moon-themed game](#)
- [Billy Nye the Science Guy Episodes](#)
- [NISE Network: Experiments at home](#)

- [NY Hall of Science Interactive Comic Book](#)
- [NPR Goats and Soda: Facts about Coronavirus for Kids](#)

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Creative Activities to Stay Happy & Healthy During COVID 19

[Game On Activity Library](#)

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### **The Willoughbys Activity Sheets**

Based on the book by Lois Lowry, this original animated childrens' film tells the story of four old-fashioned siblings who have been neglected by their parents, and how they venture out into the modern world with their new nanny.

Access this fun activity sheets [link](#), and use password: j2kb8ByKjnEQ

[The Willoughbys, coming to Netflix this month!](#)

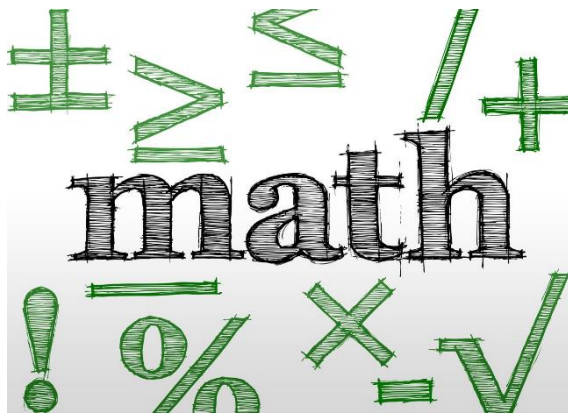
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### **MoMA's Virtual Views: Home Movies**

Watch nine films from the [Metropolitan Museum of Art's: Private Lives Public Spaces](#) exhibition dating back to 1927. These pieces explore a selection of works from the archives acquired over 90 years of collecting, but never before shown.

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### **Kahn Weekly Math Learning Plans ... and More!**



Get [weekly math learning plans](#) for grade three through Algebra 2 to keep children on track for the rest of the school year at [Kahn Online Academy](#), and learn [how you can support your child's learning during school closures](#).

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## [This Week's Major League Baseball Featured Partner -](#)

TFK partners with a number of professional baseball clubs through MLB. In this post we would like to share some offerings for your kids from the New York Mets!

### [Mets Amazin' Activites](#)

The New York Mets Baseball Team has put out some fun, as well as useful, e-books for your kids. Enjoy puzzles and games, or get some great information for teaching kids about avoiding sickness by visiting these links: [Mets Activity Book](#) and [Goodbye, Germs!](#)

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### [Wild Kratts](#)

Visit Wild Kratts' page of activities and games to play, including: [Learn to Make Your Own Spider Web](#), [Backyard Pine Cone Bird Feeder](#), and more, to keep STEM a part of their daily lives!

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## Discover Eagan At Home Activities

- [National Gallery of Art Virtual Tour](#)
- **Little Library Locations in Eagan with FREE books**
  - Lexington Park (1036 McKee Street)
  - Bur Oaks Park (3421 Rolling Hills Drive)
  - Rahn Park (4425 Sandstone Drive)
  - Peridot Path Park (1790 Turquoise Trail)
  - Evergreen Park (4359 Lodgepole Drive)
  - Moonshine Park (1317 Jurdy Road)
  - Bridle Ridge Park (3900 Erlene Road)

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### TFK - YouTube Dance Class

Did you miss the live Bollywood dance classes from our friends at [South Asian Arts & Theater House](#) this week? No worries - you can join Divya every Saturday morning on her [YouTube Channel](#) for more live Bollywood Dance classes and education!

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Have you heard? The popularity of gardening has skyrocketed! Not surprising when you dig in and realize how fun it can be. Take this stay-a-home opportunity to learn all about how to care for the plants that make our lives healthy and beautiful!

**[Check out KidsGardening.org for easy ways to get started!](#)**

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The Minnesota Wild invite you to show off your *Wild Pride* by entering their #mnwildkids coloring contest! Print out [these coloring sheets](#) or make your own creation. Then post to Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #mnwildkids and Nordy will pick his favorites!

Many of us are learning first-hand just how challenging a teacher's job can be! If you find yourself in this new role, we hope these fun and engaging STEM activities will help when it's time for science class!.



[Interactive eBooks+](#): Even though the library is off limits, you can still get access to free books about the ecosystem, light, space, and more! Available for grades k-12!

[Get Your Ocean Fix](#): You can now take a deep dive into the deep blue from home! Check out the Smithsonian's live ocean webcams, meet the animals, and explore a coral reef.

Make your [BrainPop!](#): This usually paid educational site is free during the pandemic. There are hundreds of lessons, videos, and even quizzes to make school at home a breeze!

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Learning is important year-round and Major League Baseball has created a tool to help your kids stay on track and prepare for the 2021 school year: [Summer Slugger!](#) This program is a continuous and engaging learning experience that uses the game of baseball to teach math and literacy games critical to school success!



***Use the code "Twins" to access this content!***



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*Have a Star Wars fan in the house? During the "indoor time" over the past couple of weeks, perhaps you have pulled out the full series to watch at home! Now you can celebrate The Force with these fun activities!*

[\*Star Wars Activities for Kids\*](#)

[\*Star Wars Activities for Teens\*](#)

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***YMCA Meal Distributions Sites***

*The YMCA is partnering with Loaves and Fishes and United Health to serve free healthy meals to families in need.*

*Pick up is Monday Through-Friday from Noon to one at select YMCAs*

- *Eagan YMCA, 440 Operman Drive, Eagan MN 55124*
- *West Saint Paul YMCA, 1426 East Mendota Road, Inver Grove Heights MN 55077*
- *Hastings YMCA, 85 Pleasant Drive, Hastings MN 55033*
- *Burnsville YMCA, 13850 Portland Avenue Burnsville MN 55337*

[https://www.ymcamn.org/food-distribution?mc\\_cid=ec3b305fa1&mc\\_eid=a0cf6ac7fe](https://www.ymcamn.org/food-distribution?mc_cid=ec3b305fa1&mc_eid=a0cf6ac7fe)

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