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Spring Break 2020!

Staying busy at home

Programming and Activities to connect and engage



Welcome to Spring Break 2020!

We recognize that for most of us, our spring break plans have changed dramatically, and we will be looking to find fun ways to spend the next two weeks with our family at home. With our virtual schooling on pause, we have put together some age-appropriate and family-friendly resources we thought you might find useful or inspirational.

Please use this compilation of optional activities to engage with your children or connect with the rest of the BISC-LP community at your leisure. This guide is not exhaustive, so please send any additional suggestions to us at communications@bischicagolp.org.

Enjoy!

BISC Lincoln Park Pinterest Page

View tons of offline activities for kids and families.

www.pinterest.com/BISCLincolnPark

Conversation Starters

Use these prompts to spark conversations with your kids about any of the activities in this guide.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/4bd7f71f101/ddad4fe2-62c2-4c76-a747-ff-148cdd5ccb.pdf>



Social

Playdates • Hangouts • Karaoke
Talent Shows • Happy Hour

House Party

www.houseparty.com

Caribu

www.caribu.com

Zoom

www.zoom.us

4 Easy Ways to Host a Virtual Playdate

www.chicagoparent.com/play/indoor-fun/virtual-playdates

Family Games • Trivia

Kahoot

www.kahoot.com

Skribblio

www.skribbl.io

Movie Nights • Viewing Parties

Netflix Party

www.netflixparty.com

The Most Fun Your Family Can Have In A Video-Call!

READ IT AGAIN, NANA!

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

skribbl.io! Compare savings accounts with our calculator. 1.70

Round 2 of 3

#2	Mozarella	Points: 1675
#3	Zanya	Points: 164
#1	Bear	Points: 2000
#4	Cowboys	Points: 1380
#5	Kilamall	Points: 1215
#6	kkk	Points: 0
#6	architect (You)	Points: 0
#6	FrEaHy	Points: 0

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Netflix Party

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Install Netflix Party

A new way to watch Netflix together

Netflix Party is a new way to watch Netflix with your friends online. Netflix Party synchronizes video playback and adds group chat to your favorite Netflix shows.

Join over 1,000,000 people and use Netflix Party to link up with friends and host long distance movie nights and TV watch parties today!

Get Netflix Party for free!

*Only available on Chrome browsers on desktop or laptop computers.



Early Years

Little Twisters Yoga

Movement and yoga activities

www.littletwistersyoga.com/online-store

Busy Toddler

Art and play activities

www.bustoddler.com

Daily Virtual Classes

Music, STEAM, movement, storytime, and more

www.chicagoparent.com/search/event/upcoming-events

Numberjacks

Videos solving real-world problems with numbers

www.youtube.com/channel/UCWKuiktSh-V3E4ysPU0VC3Q



Alphablocks

Videos with phonics adventures and songs

www.youtube.com/channel/UC_qs3c0ehDvZkbiEbOj6Drg

ABC Does

Home learning activities

www.abcdoes.com/home-learning

National Geographic Kids

Learning activities, games, and quizzes

www.natgeokids.com

GoNoodle

Fun movement videos

<https://family.gonoodle.com>



Cosmic Kids Yoga

Yoga, mindfulness, and relaxation videos

www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga

Andy's Wild Adventures

Animal videos

<https://us.cbeebies.com/shows/andys-wild-adventures->

Little Bins for Little Hands

Ideas for STEM activities

www.littlebinsforlittlehands.com



Happy Hooligans

20 science activities for toddlers and preschoolers

www.happyhooligans.ca/20-science-activities-toddlers-preschoolers



Field Trips

Cincinnati Zoo

Features a new animal every day on Facebook

www.cincinnati-zoo.org/home-safari-resources



The Louvre

Online tours of three of exhibits, including Egyptian Antiquities

www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne#tabs

Project Explorer

Videos and storytelling from around the globe

www.projectexplorer.org/kids-home

The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Virtual tours of various exhibitions

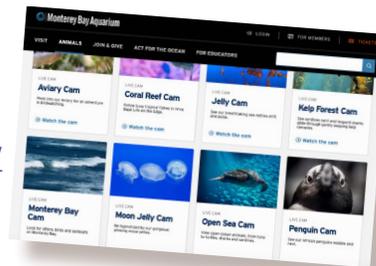
www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/met-360-project

Monterey Bay Aquarium

Live cams for coral reef, sea otters, and more

[www.](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams)

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NASA Glenn Virtual Tours

Tours of both research centers

www.nasa.gov/glennvirtualtours

Space Center Houston App

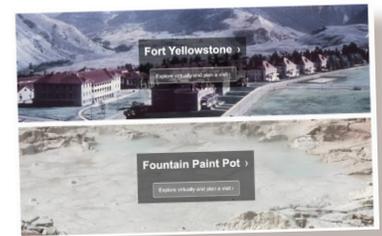
Augmented reality experience

www.spacecenter.org/app

Yellowstone National Park

Explore all the major attractions and areas

www.nps.gov/yell/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualtours.htm



Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

Virtual tours of every area of the museum

<https://naturalhistory2.si.edu/vt3/NMNH>

Google Expeditions

VR and AR field trips

<https://edu.google.com/products/vr-ar/expeditions>

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

View pieces in the museum collection

<https://artsandculture.google.com/search/entity?p=chicago-academy-of-sciences-peggy-notebaert-nature-museum>



Visual Arts

National Gallery of Art NGAkids Art Zone App

Interactive art history activities
www.nga.gov/education/kids.html

Drawing with JJK

Daily video illustration lessons from children's author and illustrator Jarrett J. Krosoczka
www.youtube.com/StudioJJK



Mo Willems Lunch Doodle

Explore ways of writing and making with Mo Willems daily at noon
www.kennedy-center.org/mowillems

Arty Factory

Free art lessons
www.artyfactory.com

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Videos of artist interviews and behind-the-scenes
www.youtube.com/mfaboston



Jarrett Lerner

Comic book design activities
www.jarrettlerner.com/activities/?fbclid=IwAR04qebblG3xspGU4oFxdzv6Ly6B3ni4-mC0DkNzHVUe3o7rJH-9QlsNQ8

Art for Kids Hub

Tutorials and craft ideas
www.artforkidshub.com

Kirigami Blooming Flowers

Video art project tutorial
<https://youtu.be/FXwRpOBIC2k>





STEAM

Camp Galileo

Weekly schedule of supportive resources

www.galileo-camps.com/galileo-anywhere

Highlights

Crafts and recipes

www.highlightskids.com/activities

Nomster Chef

Recipe picture books

www.nomsterchef.com/nomster-recipe-library

Smithsonian

Activities, puzzles,
and games

www.si.edu/kids



Weather Wiz Kids

Interesting facts and information about weather

www.weatherwizkids.com

Codeverse

Virtual coding classes and programs

www.codeverse.com

Ranger Rick – National Wildlife Federation

Games, videos, and crafts

www.rangerrick.org

Scholastic Learn at Home

Daily grade-specific projects

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>



Pilot Light Chefs

Activities and lessons about nutrition and food

<https://foodedu.pilotlightchefs.org>

Chop Chop Cooking Club

Resources and activities for aspiring chefs

www.chopchopcookingclub.org

Kids Think Design

Fashion, architecture, and other design projects

www.kidsthinkdesign.org/index.html

Crayola creatED

Arts and crafts ideas

<https://created.crayola.com/homelearning>



Challenge Cards

44 science challenges from engineers at Dyson

<https://bit.ly/39BHRdp>



Coding

Blockly Games

Computer programming games for beginners

<https://blockly.games/about?lang=en>

MIT Scratch

Computer programming games and projects

<https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games>



Little Bins for Little Hands

Practical STEAM activities

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/things-to-do-with-kids-at-home>

Bit Space

A weeklong virtual design camp (paid)

<https://bitspacechicago.com/virtual-programs>

Podcasts

10 Podcasts You'll Enjoy Listening to With Your Kids

www.chicagoparent.com/learn/podcasts-for-kids

Typing

Doorway Online

Typing activities with accessibility options

www.doorwayonline.org.uk/typing

BBC Dance Mat Typing

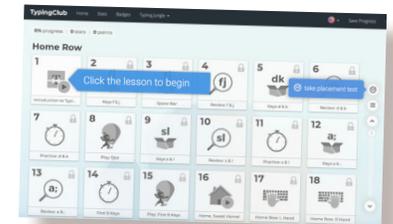
A four-level typing game

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr

Typing Club

Typing lessons

www.typingclub.com



Spelling

Squeebles Spelling Bee

An app for practicing focus words with personalized spelling lists

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/squeebles-spelling-bee/id529128065>

Spelling Shed

Spelling platform with games and an app

www.spellingshed.com/en-us



Literacy

Storyline Online

Hundreds of books read aloud by celebrities
www.storylineonline.net

Story Starters

Prompts for writing short stories
www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters

Chicago Public Library

E-books and audio books
<https://chipublib.overdrive.com/library/kids>

Busy Things

Fun educational games
www.busythings.co.uk



Epic!

Digital library for kids
www.getepic.com/sign-in

PBS Kids

Online games and activities
www.pbskids.org

Sir Linkalot

Spelling game app
www.sirlinkalot.org/spellathome



Teach Your Monster to Read

Phonics and reading program
www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

The World of David Walliams

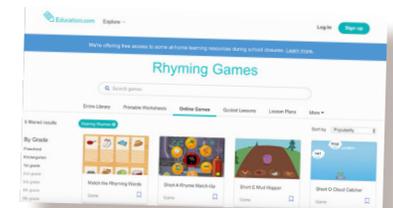
Daily audio stories
www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses

Creative Writing Resources

Daily writing prompts
<https://bit.ly/3aE1eKC>

Education.com

Rhyming games
www.education.com/games/hearing-rhymes



Fun English Games

A game about how to write clear instructions
www.funenglishgames.com/writinggames/instructions.html

A game about how to create atmosphere in a story
www.funenglishgames.com/writinggames/story.html



Performing Arts

Metropolitan Opera

Free streaming of nightly performances

www.metopera.org

Playbill

Resources for virtual musicals and plays you can watch from home

www.playbill.com/article/15-broadway-plays-and-musicals-you-can-watch-on-stage-from-home

Berlin Philharmonic

Digital concert hall

www.digitalconcerthall.com/en/home



National Theatre

Screenings on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. GMT

www.youtube.com/channel/UCUDq1XzCY0NIOYVJvEMQjqw

Chrome Music Lab

Hands-on music experiments

<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Experiments>

Mini Movers Studio

Drop-in dance classes

www.minimoversstudio.com/virtual-classes



Steezy

Urban dance classes (house, dancehall, breaking, and more)

www.steezy.co

Operation Tap

Tap classes

www.operationtap.com



Dancio

Modern and contemporary dance classes

www.dancio.com

Second City

Comedy camps (paid)

www.secondcity.com/courses/chicago/online-teen



Math

Solve Me

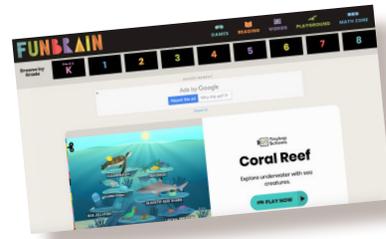
Puzzles and math games

<https://solveme.edc.org>

Fun Brain

Puzzles, games,
and activities

www.funbrain.com



Math Is Fun

A variety of math activities

www.mathsisfun.com

Math for Love

Simple but powerful games and activities

www.mathforlove.com

Math Pickle

Puzzles, games, and
mini-competitions

www.mathpickle.com



Bedtime Math

A parent resource for real-world math

www.bedtimemath.org

Hit the Button

Quick-fire math questions

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

Splash Learn

Place value games (KS1)

www.splashlearn.com/place-value-games-for-1st-graders

ABCya

Place value games (KS1)

www.abcya.com/games/base_ten_fun

Steven Sonj

Subitizing game ideas and
printable documents

[www.stevensonj.net/
subitizing-activities.html](http://www.stevensonj.net/subitizing-activities.html)



Cool Kindergarten

Subitizing and adding games

www.coolkindergarten.com/math/subitizing-adding

Math Zone

Data handling games and activities

<https://mathszone.co.uk/category/data-handling>

Math (cont.)

Math Games

Fractions practice for all year groups

www.mathgames.com/fractions



Counting forward and back in 1s, 2s, 10s, etc.

www.mathgames.com/counting

Multiplication with pictures

www.mathgames.com/skill/3.50-multiplication-with-pictures

Time

www.mathgames.com/time

Measure

www.mathgames.com/measurement

Addition

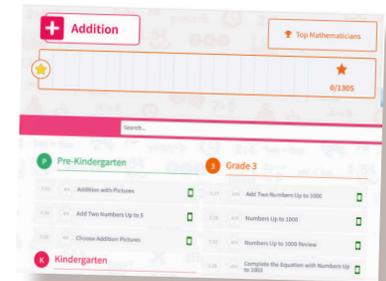
www.mathgames.com/addition

Subtraction

www.mathgames.com/subtraction

Place value to 99

www.mathgames.com/skill/2.38-value-of-underlined-digit-up-to-99n





Wellness

Joe Wicks

Daily workout videos

www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1

Go Noodle

Movement and mindfulness videos

www.gonoodle.com

SworKit

Movement and physical fitness activities

<https://app.sworKit.com/collections/kids-workouts>



Cosmic Kids Yoga

Yoga and mindfulness videos

www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga

Cosmic Kids Yoga Disco

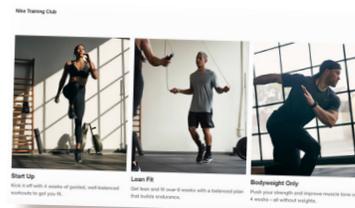
A funky breathing and yoga video

www.youtube.com/watch?v=dtQ72qRpVVE&t=69s

Nike Training Club

Home workouts

www.nike.com/ph/ntc-app



Spread the Happiness

Resources for spreading happiness

www.spreadthehappiness.co.uk



MindUP

Resources supporting social-emotional well-being

www.mindup.org.uk/families

Relax Kids

Exercises, cards, and affirmations that support emotional regulation

www.relaxkids.com/calm-pack

Action For Happiness

Resources for a kinder, happier world

www.actionforhappiness.org



Big Life Journal

Resources that help children develop a growth mindset

www.biglifejournal.com



World Languages

Gus on the Go

Apps and printables for learning basic vocabulary, numbers, colors, shapes, and more

www.gusonthego.com



Teach Kids Languages

Apps for learning various languages with puzzles, memory games, and quizzes

www.teachkidslanguages.com

Spanish

Gus On the Go - Spanish App

iOS - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/gus-on-the-go-spanish/id541567964>

Android - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.toojuice.android.gus.spanish.mexico>



Gus on the Go - Spanish Stories App

iOS - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/spanish-for-kids-with-stories-by-gus-on-the-go/id1071230980>

French

Gus On the Go - French App

iOS - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/gus-on-the-go-french/id578992727>

Android - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.toojuice.android.gus.french.france>

Monde des Titounis

Stories, songs, and games for native speakers (elementary)

www.mondedestitounis.fr

Peppa Pig Français

Peppa Pig videos in French

www.youtube.com/channel/UCXptamDYEVcU4JCio30hYTww



Crêpes Recipe

An easy recipe for this French staple

www.allrecipes.com/recipe/20931/french-crepes

Croissants Recipe

A slightly challenging French baking recipe

www.bakingamoment.com/easy-homemade-croissant-recipe

Quiche Lorraine Recipe

A kid-friendly recipe for a French favorite

www.delscookingtwist.com/french-quiche-lorraine

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See you in *two weeks.*



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