

63 Home Learning Resources to Keep Kids Sharp



Indefinite closure of schools across the United States has left many parents uneasy and worried about having enough home learning resources to keep childrens' minds sharp while classes are out. If this is you, don't panic! Meaningful learning is not constrained to the four walls of a classroom or school building. Kids have potential to grow in non-traditional settings, including online. Believe it or not, they can learn new [skills](#) through apps on those smartphones and tablets the

While a traditional classroom has its benefits, make sure you're not taking your child away from school. Teach them that life requires non-stop learning. So when you need to find the proper resources to fit your circumstances, try this one, families can turn to internet and app-based learning for their child's continued academic growth. Here, you'll find a vast offering of home learning pages organized by subject area.

Multi-Disciplinary Home Learning

1. [Outschool](#)

[COVID-19 Telecommuting Resources](#)

[COVID-19: Telecommuting Resources for Employees and Businesses - Remote Work and Jobsearch Advice for Jobseekers](#)

Get telecommuting help and resources for working from home during COVID-19. Free telecommuting plan for businesses and employee checklist.

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 Need Help?

Outschool offers over 10,000 live online courses for K-12 learners spanning a range of engaging subjects including options such as songwriting, video game design, parts of speech, debate, beginning multiplication, forensic science, intro to economics, and basic anatomy.

2. Khan Academy

Khan Academy provides free remote home learning resources for a variety of subjects, specifically math, science, programming, history, economics, and more. Supports begin with material for kindergarten and continue through specialized high-level content created in partnership with respected institutions.

3. Wow in the World

Podcast hosts Mindy Thomas and Guy Raz lead curious kids on a journey into the wonders of the world around them, from inside the brain to deep space and new technology.

4. Thinking Time Pro

Developed to improve cognitive skills in pre-k and kindergarten students, this app uses challenging games involving memory, logic, impulse control, and flexibility to accomplish its mission.

5. TED-Ed

Hundreds of video-based animations and talks by TED-Ed are designed to pique a child's curiosity. Lessons are organized by age level and subject, and parents can create customized lessons for their children, complete with interactive questions and discussion topics.

6. Funbrain

Ranked as the number one site for online educational games for children of all ages, Funbrain's users can choose from challenges in math, grammar, science, spelling, and history.

7. Hungry Caterpillar Playschool

Hungry Caterpillar Play School, a number one education app in 25 countries, is specifically developed to give young children the edge they need in math, spelling, reading, writing, science, nature studies, and creative arts.

Math + Science



8. [Bill Nye the Science Guy](#)

Nearly 100 of popular children's TV show host Bill Nye's 1993-1998 series featuring life sciences, physical science, and planetary science can be accessed for free via Bill Nye's website.

9. **The Elements by Theodore Gray**

Touted as more than just a reference app, The Elements is a visual exploration of each element's intersecting role in the formation of the world around us. Full of fun stories, fascinating facts, and beautiful photographs.

10. [How Stuff Works](#)

How Stuff Works delivers users award-winning, unbiased, reliable, and easy-to-understand explanations for how stuff actually works through its 30 million site visitors monthly, podcasts, and videos.

11. [NASA Kids' Club](#)

Catering to children through grade 4, NASA Kids ' Club games focus on STEM — science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

12. **Extreme Weather for iPad by Kids Discover**

This wild app makes up close and interactive experiences with Earth's most extreme weather possible from the safety of your iPad screen. Kids are introduced to all types of extreme climates and natural disasters as well as the science behind how they work.

First Aid and Safety

13. **Ready Kids Featuring Prepare With Pedro**

At [Ready Kids](#) and Prepare With Pedro (the adorable penguin), youth learn to prepare for crisis such as fires and natural disasters. Some projects involve the entire family.

Biology

14. **Muscle and Bone Anatomy 3D**



Made for older learners (ages 12 and up), the Muscle and Bone Anatomy 3D app is an incredible visual reference for teens interested in learning more about the musculo-skeletal system. It features five very different means of studying the body.

15. The Human Body

Truly interactive, The Human Body app presents a heart that beats, lungs that breathe, and a mouth that can feast. But app makers warn, watch out for burps, barfs, and farts. The digestive system works, too.

16. Monster Math

Monster Math is designed for K-5 students and practices aligns its content with the Common Core math skills.

17. Sublime Science

At Sublime Science, you'll find 101 fun and hands-on science experiments your child can do with materials you likely already have around the house. Supervision may be required depending on ingredients or activities involved.

Astronomy

18. Skyview

Take a late evening walk or camp out in the backyard and point your device to the sky to identify constellations, planets, stars, satellites, and more. Available on iOS and Android.

19. Arloon Solar System

With Arloon Solar System, kids can virtually manipulate and learn about astronomical elements such as planets, stars, and celestial bodies. The app's augmented-reality technology requires a card that can be printed from the developer's website.

Reading/Language Arts Resources for Learning at Home

20. Audible



Listening to stories out loud can do wonders for a child's reading level, specifically when they are reading along. Match your hard or paperback books with an audible version of the book. Have your child follow as it reads. They'll be on their way to a higher reading level in no time.

21. Storyboard That

Have your child practice all the parts of a narrative, plot triangle, set up a graphic novel or comic, and plan for a video with Storyboard That, the app that makes them come to life.

22. The Story Seeds

Professional storytellers flesh out student ideas to create original stories with inspiration from kids ages 6-12.

23. Epic!

With instant access to 35,000 of the best books, educational videos, and quizzes, Epic! is the leading digital library for children 12 and under. Book topics vary from Greek mythology and all things math to the history of Native Americans.

24. Book Creator

Let your kids' creativity flow out with Book Creator and/or have them plan out their story on the plot triangle, applying text, images, audio, and video to develop interactive stories, reports, digital portfolios, research journals, and more

25. Write the World

Is your child eager to write or achieve publication? Write the World is a global online literary journal, featuring the best writing by teens ages 13-18.

Grammar

26. No Red Ink

No Red Ink uses an interest-based curriculum, adaptive exercises, and actionable data to build your child's grammar skills.

27. Grammaropolis



Another grammar tool, Grammaropolis is designed for a younger crowd. Parts of speech are animated characters on this site and star in books, songs, videos, and interactive games.

28. [Storyline Online](#)

At Storyline Online, an award-winning children's literacy program, the world's best storytellers read to your children.

29. [The New York Times Learning Network](#)

Use these home learning resources to engage your child in creation of articles, videos, illustrations, and photos .

30. Scholastic Learn at Home

Scholastic's newest addition, Scholastic Learn At Home provides day-by-day projects to keep kids reading, thinking, and growing. Each course gives students 3 hours of learning content per day.

Handwriting

31. [iWriteWords](#)

Kids use the iWriteWords handwriting app to trace words, letters, and numbers in order to help young children increase their familiarity with the basics of writing and understanding words and numbers.

32. [Letter School](#)

Colorful and captivating, LetterSchool handwriting app teaches children to write letters and numbers in fun, animated ways.

Social Studies

33. [National Geographic Kids](#)

Kids can safely explore the world without leaving your couch through National Geographic Kids' eclectic videos!

34. [Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: Carmen San Diego](#)



Exploring the world is made easy through the eyes of the well-known Carmen Sandiego™ character. On this home learning resource, kids can play games and track down where in the world down the famous super-sleuth is using Google Earth™ or Google® Expeditions.

35. National Parks Virtual Tours

Tired of being stuck indoors? [These National Parks](#) will let you tour through your TV or smart device.

- Kenai Fjords National Park, Alaska
- Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii
- Carlsbad Caverns National Park, New Mexico
- Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah
- Dry Tortugas National Park, Florida

36. One Globe Kids

One Globe Kids is an award-winning library of stories (and photos) from children around the world, activities for building friendships, and education resources.

37. Barefoot World Atlas

Explore Barefoot World Atlas. Where else can you take an in-depth and interactive look at indigenous people, animals, and other related geographic or cultural concepts?

38. Archaeologist: Jurassic Life

On Archaeologist: Jurassic Life, your little paleontologist or archaeologist can dig for all the dinosaur fossils, assembled the skeletons, learn with puzzles and sound effects, and read all about dinosaurs. Available on Apple and Android.

39. Stack the States

Through the Stack the States® app and game, students memorize state shapes, capitals, geographic locations, flags, and more.

40. A Book in Time

A Book in Time has everything parents need to assist kids in learning history, including books, projects, timelines, maps, internet games, and more.

Foreign Language Resources for Learning At Home

41. Duolingo

With Duolingo, language lessons are short, challenging, and motivating. For all ages but best for upper primary students through adults. Users develop reading, writing, speaking, listening, and conversation skills.

42. Fluent Key

Fluent Key makes real-world videos available in many of the most popular languages.

43. Memrise

Memrise promotes a personalized approach to language acquisition through watching real conversational language from native speakers.

44. HelloTalk

HelloTalk connects users directly with native speakers for learning through talking and listening immersion.

Home Learning Resources for Music

45. Yousician

Known as an affordable music tutor for the digital age, Yousician aids kids and adults ages 9 and up with learning the guitar, piano, bass, ukulele, and developing one's voice professionally. The app gives users instant feedback, access to over 1,500 popular exercises, video lessons, and songs across genres.

Health Outdoors & Fitness Home Learning Resources

46. Cosmic Kids Yoga

More than a million kids do yoga, mindfulness, and relaxation with Jaime on [the Cosmic Kids YouTube Channel](#).

47. Nomster Chef



Nomster Chef desires to help user raise a healthier generation of kids by encouraging families to cook together using its digital library of step-by-step illustrated recipes.

48. [ZombiesRun!](#) Game

With ultra-immersive game [ZombiesRun!](#), every run becomes a mission where you're the hero of your very own zombie adventure story.

49. [San Diego Zoo Live Cam](#)

Get up close and personal with animals through San Diego Zoo's virtual tours.

50. [My American Farm](#)

[My American Farm](#) is an online educational game that lets students learn about agriculture, where food comes from, and how those products get from the farm to their dinner plate, while having fun.

51. [DisneyNatureExplore](#)

Augmented reality meets with game play and animal behavior in the [DisneyNatureExplore](#) app, which encourages children to get outside and discover nature. When users activate the app's augmented reality feature, 3D animals appear in the live camera view of the device, taking them on exciting adventures while in your own backyard and neighborhood. .

Arts & Technology

52. [Scratch](#)

Developed by MIT, [Scratch](#) allows children to program their own interactive stories, games, and animations. With parent permission, they can even share their creations.

53. [Tynker](#)

[Tynker](#) teaches kids ages 7 and up to code for robots, apps, and games through its visual approach to programming.

54. [Canva for Education](#)



A perfect tool for creatives and creators, Canva for Education allows users to create presentations, infographics, websites, reports, worksheets, posters, and flyers.

55. [Art for Kids Hub](#)

Passionate about art for kids, this blog introduces kids to all kinds of art, including lessons in drawing, painting, origami, and more.

56. [SimplePhysics \(Architecture\)](#)

From their own designs to a blueprint edit and simulation, SimplePhysics lets kids design, test, and perfect complex structures, which could mean a roller coaster or a bridge.

Career & Entrepreneurial Home Learning Resources

57. [Nepris](#)

Nepris uses video chats to connect students with career role models.

58. [Independent Youth](#)

A non-profit organization formed to educate youth ages 12 and up on the importance of entrepreneurship, Independent Youth opens up home learning resources to kids in order to teach them how to start and run their own business. Teen entrepreneurs present webinars on concepts such as product development and leadership. Other website resources include info on business plans, financing, and marketing.

59. [CanTEEN Careers](#)

Filled with home learning resources and activities for teens girls interested in pursuing one of the STEM fields.

60. [O*NET OnLine](#)

For high school students and up, O*NET OnLine offers detailed job analysis and career exploration.

College Entrance & AP Exam Prep

61. [CollegeVine](#)



Find free guidance and tools to help you on your college essay and application and decision journey.

62. Everydae SAT Prep

Everydae wants to help students maximize their SAT score through its “digital tutor in your pocket” concept. The company also offers college and career coaching for high schoolers.

63. Fivable

Fivable offers students preparing for Advanced Placement exams live reviews, trivia battles, and study guides.

Whether your child is using learning-focused time at home to level up in areas of struggle or they're needing to challenge their brain in new ways, try to take a few moments each day to engage in learning with them. You might take a virtual tour of famous museum together or use household items to complete a brief science experiment.

Regardless of the activity you choose, the fact that you were there and supported their learning will not easily be forgotten. The memories your child associates with learning will be positive, helping them to become a life-long learner.

Do you have other home learning resources you use to keep your child engaged in learning while you work from home? Connect with Virtual Vocations on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) to tell us. We'd love to hear from you!

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