#### Virtual Learning for Kids of All Ages

## 1. PBS Learning Media

These interactive lesson plans are curricular-aligned to meet standards from preschool all the way through high school. FREE

# 2. <u>Museums with Virtual Tours Through Google Arts and</u> Culture

Google Arts and Culture allows children to access world-renowned museums from home. You can tour the collections of more than 1,200 museums online through its catalog. Start with its top 10 virtual museum tour list, or just browse through the online catalog for top children's museums, or favorite periods or artist. Arts history hour, anyone? FREE

## 3. Khan Academy

Khan Academy is always free and provides high-quality content for kids (and adults) of all ages. Make sure to check out Khan Kids for the littlest of learners. FREE

#### 4. Code.org

Since 2013, Code.org has been providing free online coding classes for students of all ages. Learn how to think like a programmer while completing online modules. FREE

## 5. Scholastic Learn From Home

The K-12 education powerhouse that is Scholastic has you at-home learning needs covered with lessons for kids from pre-K through sixth grade and up. Kids can dive into topics like the future of zoos and life science. It's all divided by age and grade level. Requires small monthly fee.

## 6. ReadWriteThink Printing Press

If your kids want to create newsletters, newspapers, brochures, or any other printable, then check out the Printing Press fro ReadWriteThink. They provide engaging lesson plans for kids in K-12 to bring the printed word to life. FREE

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Sight words, math problems, and more are available for preschoolers and elementary school kids at Starfall.com.

## Preschool Online and Remote Learning

## 7. Starfall Education

This bright and colorful website will appeal to preschoolers and those in the early elementary years, from pre-K through third grade. The activities are easy to find and arranged by discipline, season, or curricular topic. (Some FREE options, also membership options for more content.)

#### 8. The Cat in the Hat Invents

Everyone's favorite Cat is the start of this STEM-based website that challenges kids to be engineers and problem-solvers. FREE

#### 9. Cosmic Kids Yoga

The Cosmic Kids YouTube channel will get your kids moving for a little post- or prestudy yoga break. Kids follow the poses that also help to tell a story in these short (roughly 10 to 15 minute) yoga sessions. (It also streams on Prime.) FREE

## 10. Highlights

This popular kids' magazine provides interactive through its wide variety of websites and apps. Play endless rounds of hidden picture puzzles, learn about shapes, listen to stories, and more. FREE



Listen to any free episode of Wow in the World and print out a Wow Sheet to inspire more scientific thinking. Photo courtesy of Tinkercast

## Elementary School Online Learning Options

#### 11. Wow in the World

Wow in the World is a podcast for curious kids and their grown-ups brought to you by the folks at Tinkercast. These 20-30 minute episodes investigate factual real-world stories. FREE

## 12. Mystery Science

Mystery Science has opened up its most popular science lessons for FREE and easy for remote learning during the coronavirus crisis. Topics range from weather to who invented pizza. Head to your child's grade level for age-appropriate learning. FREE (as of publication)

## 13. <u>DIY.org</u>

Kids can watch videos and learn how to make something all on their own with DIY.org. Older kids will love creating their own videos to upload and share on the platform. A free 14-day trial is available.

## 14. Cool Math Games

This site offers tons of games that incorporate math into the strategy, from virtual Chess to more video-game like math games. Search by skill or take a break with some math trivia. FREE

## 15. National Geographic Kids

Explore the world through games and videos on National Geographic Kids. Take a quiz about Mars or explore current topics like Kids vs. Plastic. FREE

## 16. Rivet

Rivet is a free reading app that has over 3500 leveled books for kids. FREE

## 17. Dance Mat Typing

There is nothing all that exciting about learning how to type, but Dance Mat Typing somehow manages to make this tedious task fun! Four levels of play will have you typing like a pro in no time. FREE

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Kids use their programming knowledge to code with Minecraft.

#### Middle School Online Education

#### 18. BrainPop

BrainPop began as a collection of short cartoons that taught students about difficult topics. Over the years, it added a number of interactive features, such as games and quizzes. Teachers can request free access to gain to BrainPop's entire catalog of educational videos, and there is some FREE access to all during the coronavirus outbreak.

#### 19. Minecraft Education

Minecraft Education is so much more than "just a game." This learning platform promotes creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving.

## 20. Scratch

Program your own interactive stories with Scratch. This free learning tool develops important skills like problem-solving, creative thinking, and collaboration. FREE

## 21. Prodigy Math

Sign up for a free account and start playing these standards-based math activities. FREE

## 22. Funbrain

Funbrain provides hundreds of free games, videos, and books that help kids develop their literacy, math, and problem-solving skills. FREE

## 23. Kodable

Type your first lines of code, learn javascript, and other programming concepts with this online computer science platform. Starting with basic drag and drop coding, Kodable provides lessons that will foster creativity and critical thinking. FREE

#### 24. NaNoWriMo

Encourage creative writing with the NaNoWriMo 30-day writing challenge. Kids create a profile and will receive a variety of writing challenges as they work toward completing a novel! FREE



NOVA extends its science reporting to online and in classrooms, producing an extensive list of resources and original content. Photo courtesy of PBS

## High School Online Education Resources

#### 25. Ken Burns in the Classroom

Ken Burns has been making historical documentaries for nearly half a century. These thoughtfully developed lesson plans truly bring history to life. FREE

## 26. Desmos

This is the modern-day version of the good ol' graphing calculator. The free app will let you graph all the parabolas you want! FREE

#### 27. TED Talks

Watch a thought-provoking TED Talk on just about any device. This nonprofit provides free access to thousands of inspirational, motivational, educational, and instructional talks. These top 25 TED Talks are a great place to start. FREE

#### 28. Quizlet

This mobile and web-enabled app lets users create and use virtual flashcards that cover a variety of topics. Set up a virtual study session with friends over video or among the family. FREE

#### 29. How Stuff Works

This website explains how just about any and everything works. With topics that range from science to entertainment and lifestyle, How Stuff Works takes challenging concepts and breaks them down into language that is easy to understand. FREE

#### 30. <u>Nova</u>

Nova is the nation's top watched science series, so it should come as no surprise that its website is filled with original award-winning content from journalists, scientists, and engineers. FREE