

# Digital Books and Enrichment Resources

Hi, Timmerman families!

While school is closed, please keep your brain active! Here are links you can use for reading and other activities to do at home. We will be updating this list, so be sure to check back for new links.

Questions or suggestions? I'm watching my email.

Keep reading and stay healthy!

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Students: message me through Google Classroom or from the specials website (posted on TES Academics page)

## Notes to parents

- Help your children balance screen time with other activities, like playing games, doing a craft, or going for walks.
- Know what your children are accessing online to make sure it is ok for them. You may want to go online with them. Talk about what they are watching and doing.
- Guide your children with digital citizenship with reminders of being safe, respectful, and responsible online just like when they are at school. We've been talking about integrity lately: doing what is right even when no one is looking. It matters online, too.
- Help your children create accounts. For many sites, a person must be at least 13 to create their own account. If an account is required, read through their About, For Parents, and Terms of Service.
- Many of the websites below contain ads or YouTube videos. Not all content on the internet is appropriate for elementary students. Here are two free Chrome extensions you could add that you may find useful as your children are out on the internet...

Ad Block Plus removes ads from websites to help students focus on content.

Magic Actions has settings to remove suggested videos and user comments from YouTube.

## Clever

The district already has many resources on [Clever](#). Login with your s number and x password!

## EBooks and Audiobooks

Clever

Did you know you can get to ebooks and audiobooks through Clever?

## **NEW! Sora**

This summer, we have access to Sora with ebooks and audiobooks. You can add the Pflugerville Library digital collection, too!

Sora [help sheet](#)

Sora [help video](#)



Timmerman Library – check the Ebook Websites link or do a catalog search for ebook or lightbox. There are also links for learning sites and games!



Capstone Library – titles in the Timmerman Collection



MyOn has opened back up for this school year!



Capstone Interactive Library – even more Capstone titles have been opened!



Abdo Zoom – titles for younger readers have been added to Clever



Junior Library Guild has been added to Clever



National Geographic Kids has magazine articles and ebooks.



EBSCO K-8 eBook Collection



Starfall



Tumblebooks



TeachingBooks includes book trailers, videos, discussion guides, and more.

[Pflugerville Public Library](#) Ebooks and audiobooks if you already have a library card.

[MackinVIA](#) Mackin has gotten permission to share a large number of ebooks while we are out of school. Get the login information from your teacher or Mrs. McCoy.

[Crabtree Publishing](#) has made its ebook collection available through June 30.

[Epic](#) Get a class code from your teacher for free, anytime access through June 30th.

[Unite for Learning](#) These are mostly nonfiction books. There are a lot of books about animals, but also mindfulness, cars, being healthy, and more. The books have optional audio.

Amazon's [Audible](#) Free audiobooks for students up to 18. Audiobooks are available in multiple languages.

[Big Timber Media](#) Ebook collections (PreK – 2, 3 – 5, and up) available during school closures.

[Novel Effect](#) – Get the free app for Android or iOS. With the app, you read aloud and it produces the sound effects for your book. They have added read-along videos. They are offering ebooks during closures.

[Ranger Rick](#) magazines and activities, available through June. [Parent reading guides](#) (English/Español)

[Time for Kids](#) – adults can register for free access to *Time for Kids* magazines through the end of the school year.

[Highlights Kids](#) articles, fun quizzes, jokes, activities, games, hidden pictures, and an audio section.

[StoryWeaver](#) Multicultural stories available in many languages. You can search in categories and by text difficulty.

## **Online Storytimes and more**

[Storyline Online](#) Famous actors and actresses reading books!

PBS [Read-alongs with Michelle Obama](#)

[Storytime from Space](#) Astronauts reading from the International Space Station!

[Kidlit TV](#) Read alouds, interviews, crafts and activities related to books

Dav Pilkey's [Reading Gives You Superpowers Activity Kit](#) Do the activities on your own paper or you can print them.

Dav Pilkey also has more fun activities at [Dav Pilkey at Home](#)!

Mo Willems's [Thank-O-Rama](#) series of videos including drawing!

[The Big List of Children's Authors Doing Online Read-Alouds & Activities](#) There are so many popular authors here! Try one you love or check out someone new. There are some authors you may want to check out in the middle school section, just be aware that there are some on this site that might not be ok for everyone.

[Famous People Reading Children's Books](#)

[HarperKids](#) YouTube channel with videos featuring kids books, authors, and illustrators.

[Camp Candlewick](#) Weekly reading, activities, and videos from mid-June through August. Pick the cabin that matches your age. No registration required.

Wells Branch [Story a Day](#) Posted daily at 10:30 on the WB Facebook page.

[DPL Read Alouds and Facetime Events](#) Online book events with famous authors and illustrators. Check back for updates!

[Penguin Random House Canada](#) virtual storytimes and singalongs

[Storytime with Ryan & Craig](#) read alouds from two actors

[Emily Arrow](#) singalongs and stories

[Holiday House](#) storytimes on Thursdays at 9:00

[Barefoot Books](#) activities, singalongs, and storytimes

[Lauren Tarshis](#) Author Lauren Tarshis reads from I Survived books and tells about how she wrote them.

## **Reading Challenges**

[Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt](#) from The Child's World

[Reading Bingo](#) Have fun reading! Print and fill out your sheet, make a copy on paper, or use [this file](#) (make a copy, it will save in your Google Drive). Bring your sheet to school or share your file in Google Classroom. This will be moving to the Google Classrooms!

## **Library Google Classrooms**

I have Google Classrooms set up for 2nd through 5th grades. I'll be checking on my library Classrooms over the summer (not teachers' Classrooms). If you need a code to join, let me know!

You can:

- ★ share book reviews
- ★ join book clubs
- ★ become a junior librarian
- ★ make book recommendations for books I should buy
- ★ other activities (share your ideas!)

## **Enrichment Activities**

Here are some websites you can use for fun and to keep your brain and body moving!

## **Language Arts**

Jason Reynolds's [Write Right Rite](#) Jason is the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. He has created a series of video writing prompts to get your creative juices flowing!

[Kids Ask Authors](#) and the authors video back!

[Book Club for Kids](#) has podcasts of book reviews by kids, author interviews, and more!

[Into the Book](#) Enter your first name to get a free login key. This site has reading strategies (visualizing, questioning, evaluating, prior knowledge, synthesizing, making

connections, summarizing, inferring) with a short instructional video then practice activities. Your key will also work for Into the Map (see Social Studies).

[Sight word activities](#)

## **Social Studies**

[Into the Map](#) Map skills with short instructional videos and fun activities. Enter your first name for a free login key. Your key will also work for Into the Book (see language arts).

## **Math**

[Cabin Fever Math](#) Fun at-home math activities. Poke around the website to find more.

The Math Learning Center [Home Learning Resources](#) Activity of the day arranged by grade level. Is your grade too easy or too hard? Their math doesn't necessarily line up with Texas standards, so you can try another grade to see if it is a better fit.

[Math is Fun](#) Arranged by topics.

## **Science**

Mad Science [At-Home Experiments](#) Try these free experiments at home!

UC-Riverside [Chemical Engineering Fun for Kids](#) Information on what chemical engineering is and experiments you can do at home.

[Mystery Doug](#) Video science lessons and activities

[Explore Animal Webcams](#): Observe animals live on webcams from around the world

[Crash Course Kids](#): Elementary school science videos

National Weather Service [Weather science for kids and teens](#)

NASA [K – 4 students](#) [5 – 8 students](#) All kinds of science – not just space! You can also check out the tabs at the top to find more, including image of the day under Galleries.

[Mr. DeMaio](#): fun elementary science videos, but also some math and social studies, too!

## **Multiple subjects**

[Miss Humblebee's Academy](#) Literacy, math, science, social studies, art, and music for children 2 – 6. Offered free through Gale during closures.

[Wonderopolis](#): Every day this site shares a new wonder, submitted by kids, and the answer, in an article with a video.

[Scholastic Learn at Home](#) Daily learning projects from Scholastic. Activities are grouped by grade levels.

[Khan Academy Kids](#) Math, language, and SEL activities for kids ages 2–7.

[Khan Academy](#) Many subjects for ages 4+. [Parent/teacher](#) information.

[Education.com](#) Educational games for kids

ABC Mouse Free for 3 months with code SCHOOL7581.

[Early Learning Academy](#) (for children Preschool Through 2nd Grade)

[Reading IQ](#) (for children in Preschool through 6th Grade)

[Adventure Academy](#) (for Children in 3rd through 8th Grade)

Breakout EDU [Fun at home](#) Activities for K-2, 3-5, and beyond in science, math, language arts, social studies, and problem solving.

The Walking Classroom [Educational Podcasts for Learning at Home](#) Language arts, biographies, careers, how your body works, and more! Click in to listen.

[Learn in Color](#) Tabs for math, science, language arts, and history.

[All Kids Network](#) Art and craft suggestions, but also things like Sudoku and graphic organizers they can use.

[Busy Toddler](#) Don't get stuck on the name! This site has math, science, literacy, gross/fine motor activities for preschool through kindergarten students.

[Arcademics](#) Game-based learning in math and language arts. There is a free version.

[Bamboo Learning](#) If you happen to have an Alexa, check out their resources for books, historical figures, math, music, and *Highlights* magazine.

[Room Recess](#) Math, language arts, computer skills, and more.

## **STEM**

[Coding resources](#) Most have tutorials to help you learn and create.

[Camp Wonderopolis](#) Choose from 5 different camps with STEM and maker activities to do at home. Free. You can use your school student email to login with Google or have a grown up help you sign up.

Maker Maven [STEAM challenges](#) with materials you may have at home.

[Design Squad Global](#) Watch PBS Design Squad videos, to learn about science and engineering challenges.

[National Inventors Hall of Fame](#) STEM activities

NASA [STEM activities for families](#)

[Little Bins for Little Hands](#) Science, STEM, Legos, and more!

[28 days of STEM activities and STEAM activities for kids](#)

[Typing Club](#) Practice keyboarding skills.

[Imagineering in a Box](#) Lessons from the Disney Imagineers on bringing a theme park to life.

[Home-made marble run](#) Basic instructions with additional activities. Use what you have around and be creative!

## **Art**

[Art lessons](#) with Jarrett Krosoczka

[DC Kids Camp](#) Parents can sign up to get drawing and graphic novel video tutorials for their favorite DC Super Heroes.

[CreatED by Crayola](#) At-home learning with activities and online events

[30 day drawing challenge](#)

Photography fun. Take some photos and then play with them using [photo editing sites](#).

## **Music**

Austin Symphony Orchestra's virtual [Children's Day Art Park](#) – Music, storytelling, and crafts brought to you by the ASO!

[Music Play](#) – an online music curriculum (one that is being used for the weekly specials menu)

[Austin Opera](#) – Learn all about opera

[Chrome Music Lab](#)

[Instruments of the Orchestra](#): Learn about instruments. Choose "local game" if you don't want to create a login.

Make a [buzzing horn](#).

## **PE**

[Go Noodle](#) now has videos you can dance to at home!

[Coach Wood's PE Class](#) Chattanooga elementary PE Coach Wood is teaching PE with online videos.

[Cosmic Kids Yoga](#) Stay active as you practice yoga together.

[Sam Cam Dance](#) Video dance lessons for young kids, from hip hop to tap dance.

[Rising New York Road Runners](#) has a series of videos for fun at-home activities to get up and moving.

[Bowling at home](#)

## **Social and Emotional Resources**

Second Step [Resources for students and families](#)

## **Virtual Field Trips**

[Bob Bullock Museum](#) Learn about Texas on this Austin museum's website.

[Houston Zoo](#) Facebook Live zoo visits Monday – Friday at 11:00, plus photos and videos

[Houston Zoo Camp Zoofari](#) Learn about a different animal each week through the end of July. Watch live on Wednesdays at 11:30 or they will post recordings to watch anytime.

[San Diego Zoo](#) Zoo cams, videos, activities, and games.

Adventures in Familyhood [virtual field trips](#) to museums, zoos, aquariums, and places around the world. Activities included.

[National Parks](#) Tour our national parks.

Berry College [Eagle Cams](#)

## **For Fun**

Common Sense Media [podcasts for kids](#)

[Cooking with Kids](#) – recipes and videos for kid-friendly cooking

[Indoor Activities for Kids Stuck at Home](#) 27 fun activities from BuzzFeed. Some use things you already have at home, some have supplies you would have to order.

[Secret codes](#) Learn a code to trade messages with someone.

[Fluffy slime](#)

## **En Español**

[Story Place](#): Video storytime activities in Spanish

[PBS Kids Spanish Games](#): Play educational games in Spanish

[The Spanish Experiment](#): Children's stories told in Spanish by a native speaker

Wells Branch [Story a Day](#) cada martes a las 10:30

[Super Simple Español](#): Children's songs in Spanish

[Cocinando con Niños](#) Recetas y videos

## **Learn a foreign language**

Pflugerville library [online language resources](#). Login with your account to access Mango languages, Hoopla, OverDrive, and Tumble books to learn and read in other languages.

[Duolingo](#)

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