

2021 Distance Unstructured Play Ideas

Below are some ideas generated by students. Participation in Global School Play Day is optional. We encourage you to follow all safety guidelines set by your government and/or district or school. We know this year may involve a greater use in electronic devices for video conference calls. We hope you will do your best, under the pandemic circumstances, to limit, as best as possible, the time that students use screens aside from those video calls.

Although we will offer these suggestions, we encourage you to brainstorm with your students about the play that will occur. Doing this will help keep to one of the core values of #GSPD2021 of student directed unstructured play.

Unstructured Play Ideas for 2021

These ideas are from actual students with the understanding that they will be virtually participating and using video conferencing to connect for play but will be making every effort for this to be the only use of technology for Global School Play Day 2021 this February 3rd.

We understand that some of these suggestions are up to a student's available resources

- Any board games that students both have and they can set up on both ends of a video conference call including:
 - Headbands
 - Chess
 - Battleship
 - Twister
 - etc
- Lego building challenge
- Cardboard building challenges
- Music Concerts for each other
- Create Art and Share
- Story Telling
- Story Charades (act out books and see if the other students can guess)
- Game Shows/Trivia Challenges (one student acts as host and others act as contestants)
- Create your own board games
- Create your own Bingo Game
- Cooking challenges
- Pretend Doll Play
- "Zoom" doll classroom
- Read to each other
- Pretend Online Toy Auction (kids pretend to sell their toys auction style)
- origami

Possible Outside Play students suggested if you have a mobile device to video conference from outside.

- Basketball games like horse
- Soccer relay where students practice soccer by setting a distance and seeing their speed. The student/s on the opposite video conference measure the same distance and they time each other dribbling the soccer ball.
- Relay races where you tag off by touching the camera as the “tag” point... all kids run the same distance or the relay includes things like push-ups, jumping jacks, etc.
- Juggling with Kleenex challenge

We'll keep adding to this list...