

Curated Resources for Extended eLearning

EdTech companies are offering FREE premium services/support to schools/teachers impacted by COVID-19. [See the growing list here!](#)

☐ [Video Conferencing with ZOOM](#) (THIS IS AVAILABLE FOR FCS STUDENTS!)

- ~40-minute limit [Now offering UNLIMITED time!](#)
- ~Record a session to post for viewers at a later time
- ~Mute participants or allow chat feature at teacher discretion
- ~[YouTube Tutorial](#) ~[Live Training ZOOM Webinars](#)

[Google Hangouts](#) (This is not currently available for FCS students)

[Video Conferencing with Google Meet](#) (Be aware that Meet stays open after you leave a session, allowing kids to remain unsupervised. This is not currently available for FCS students, but could be used for staff collaboration.)

☐ [Google Voice](#)

- ~Allow calls/text communication with parents/students without providing your personal phone number
- ~Screen calls - hear a caller's name when you pick up
- ~Utilize "Do Not Disturb" mode outside of office hours
- ~Access calls/texts on your phone or computer

☐ [Screencastify](#) - FREE premium upgrade for 3 months using code [CAST_COVID](#)

- ~[Master the Screencast - 1 Hour Training](#)
- ~[Intro to Screencastify](#) (by our own Ryan LeCount)
- ~[Step by Step Introduction](#)
- ~[50 Ways to Use Screencastify in the Classroom](#)

[Resources Slide Deck](#) - A great collection of ideas/tips/resources **curated and created by Indiana educators!** (Feel free to add to this collection. It was just started a few days ago and is dependent upon teachers sharing their work!)

[Resources for Virtual Instruction](#) - great selection of K-12 digital resources from We Are Teachers

[Remote Learning Resources](#) - a growing Wakelet collection

[How to Teach Remotely with a Google Slides Hyperdoc](#)

[Facebook Group](#) - Collaborate and learn with educators around the world who are also experiencing closures due to COVID-19 ([Here's another group!](#))

[Preparing to Teach Online Webinar & Guidebook for Educators](#)

[Excellent example of Continuous Learning Plans from Decatur Public Schools!](#)

Professional Development Opportunities

Take time to learn something NEW and rack up those PGPs!

- ~[EdPuzzle](#) offers PD on a wide variety of topics
- ~[Seesaw](#) (Become a Seesaw Ambassador)
- ~[Google for Education - Teacher Center](#) (Become a Google Certified Educator or Trainer)
- ~[Microsoft LEARN](#)
- ~[PyxisEDU](#) (offers a free/limited individual account - I had to sign up using a personal Google account. Some schools have a paid subscription.)

Additional Instructional Resources

[Khan Academy](#) [Khan Academy Kids](#) [CK-12](#)

YouTube: [Crash Course Videos](#) [Crash Course Kids](#) [TED-Ed](#)

[50 Ideas for Problem Based Learning](#) [STEM Activities for Kids](#)

[Genius Hour Blueprint](#) [Genius Hour Resources](#)

[Free Collection of K-12 Digital Breakouts](#) [Digital Breakout Sandbox](#)

[50 eLearning Activities, Templates, & Tutorials](#) [100 Blended Learning Resources for Teachers](#)

[Google Cheat Sheets](#) [Adobe Spark EDU Guide](#)

Creation Tools for Kids: [Book Creator](#) [Google Sites](#) [Adobe Spark](#) [Canva](#)

[Getting Started with Seesaw](#) [Getting Started with Google Classroom](#)

[Google Applied Digital Skills](#) [Code.org](#) [Typing Club](#) [CS First with Google](#) [Scratch](#)

[PearDeck](#) - [Student Paced Lessons](#) [EdPuzzle](#) - [Getting Started](#) (turn any video into an interactive lesson)

[Hyperdocs](#) - [Templates](#), [Live Binder Library](#), [Teachers Give Teachers](#)

[Formative Assessment Tools](#) (Quizizz, Quizlet, Kahoot, Gimkit, Google Forms, etc..)

[Padlet](#) [Educators Guide to Flipgrid](#)

The more “face time” you can provide, the better! Use a screen-recording tool for “direct instruction”. Use Flipgrid for class asynchronous “discussions”. Use a video conferencing tool like Zoom for synchronous chats. Use Google Voice to call your students.

Content Specific Resources

Spelling

[Spelling City](#) (Use code VSCFree90 to upgrade to a FREE premium account for the remainder of the school year!)

The image consists of three numbered screenshots of the Spelling City website interface:

- Screenshot 1:** Shows the user dashboard for Lindsey Jones. The top navigation bar includes 'My Dashboard', 'Grading & Records', 'My Students', 'Assignments', and 'Management'. A dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Licenses & Orders' (highlighted with a red box and number 1), 'Edit Profile', 'My Homepage', and 'Logout'. Below the navigation is the 'Lindsey Jones's Dashboard' with a 'Getting Started' section. It features three main cards: 'Get Started: Enter Students' with an 'Add Students from School Roster' button; 'Student Test Activity' with a 'Test1' dropdown; and 'Be in the Know' with a 'welcome' message and instructions to add students and create word lists.
- Screenshot 2:** Shows the 'Select Your Membership' page. It features a 'Premium Membership' section with a price of '\$69.95' for 25 students. A red box highlights the 'Go Premium' button with the number 3. A '30 DAY MONEY BACK GUARANTEE' badge is also visible.
- Screenshot 3:** Shows the 'Payment' page with a form for entering payment details. A red box highlights the 'Apply' button with the number 4.

Choice Boards

[72 Ways to Practice Spelling](#)

Reading

[Raz Kids](#)

[Readworks](#)

[NewsELA](#) (Now offering [FREE access](#) to the entire product suite!)

[IXL](#)

[EPIC!](#) (free accounts for educators)

[Scholastic](#)

[Wonderopolis](#)

[Book Creator](#) (Support for schools impacted by COVID-19 - [click here](#))

[PebbleGO](#) (free access for school closures)

[Reader's Notebook Template](#)

[CommonLit](#)

[Scholastic Bookflix](#)

Language

[IXL](#)

[Pobble365](#) - writing prompts and story starters, "sick sentences"

[Writing Prompts](#)

[Freckle](#)

[Quill](#) (free writing and grammar activities)

[No Red Ink](#)

Math

Google Forms (be sure to add the [EquatIO](#) Chrome extension and [request a FREE teacher account!](#))

[IXL](#)

[Math Performance Tasks](#)

[Open Middle Math](#)

[NRICH Math](#)

[Slow Reveal Graphs](#)

[Freckle](#)

[Prodigy](#)

[Mody Max](#)

[Huge Collection of Digital Math Resources](#)

Social Studies

[Studies Weekly](#)

[Smithsonian Tween Tribune](#)

[The Globe of Extremes](#)

[News Quiz](#)

[CNN10](#)

[iCivics](#)

[Google Earth](#)

[Library of Congress](#)

[National Archives](#)

[Virtual Field Trips](#)

[Big History Project](#)

[Digital History](#)

"Genius Hour" - pick a historical event, research/read/learn/share → Students can use Google Sites, Google Slides, Book Creator, etc to share their learning (or even present when they return to school)

Science

[Mystery Animal](#)

[Wonderopolis](#)

[STEM Activities for Kids](#)

[Virtual Field Trips](#)

[Mystery Doug](#)

[BrainPOP](#)

[Mystery Science](#)

[Discovery EDU - Virtual Field Trips](#)

[Twig Science \(free access\)](#)

[National Geographic Kids](#)

[PhET Simulations](#)

[National Science Digital Library](#)

[NOVA](#)

[Smithsonian Science Education Center](#)

[OK Go Sandbox](#)

[NASA](#)

[Virtual Tour of US National Parks](#)

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Elementary School Specials

[Google Arts & Culture](#)

[Chrome Music Lab](#)

[GoNoodle](#)

[PE Online Learning](#)

eLearning Resources

each resource logo and name will link you to either their site, tutorials, or specific lesson ideas. Bits & Bytes
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SCREENCASTING



WeVideo, Screencastify, Explain Everything

COMMUNICATION



Google Classroom, Flipgrid, SeeSaw, Google Hangouts, Padlet, WeVideo, Gmail

INTERACTIVE LEARNING



Edpuzzle, Pear Deck

- Make any Google Slides Interactive
- Use Ready to Teach Templates

- Teacher Paced OR Student-Paced learning
- [Pear Deck Student Paced Lesson](#)
- [Student-Paced Mode with Pear Deck Tutorial](#)
- Several Ready to Teach Templates & Prompts
 - [Weekly Wonders](#)
 - [Newsela Daily Deck](#)
 - [Pear Deck Templates](#)

QUIZ & FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT



Pear Deck, Quizlet, Quizizz, Gimkit

LEARNING EXTENSIONS

DISTRICT 109 K-8 DIGITAL TOOL INFO



Big Ideas Math, Exact Path, ST Math, Khan Academy, IXL ELA, Discovery Ed Science Techbook, Freckle, Typing Club, Raz Kids, Reading A-Z, Reading Eggs

CREATIVITY / PROBLEM SOLVING



WeVideo, Digital Breakout EDU, Book Creator, CoSpaces Edu, Shapegrams, STEAM/Coding (K-5)

More for Parents

[150 Educational Shows on Netflix](#)

[The Parent's Guide to Google Classroom](#)

[Low Tech & No Tech Activities](#)

[75+ Educational Activities for Indoors](#)

[Unplug Your Home Learning](#)

[Storyline Online](#) - Free literacy program where actors read to children

[Duolingo](#) - Encourage your student to learn a new language!

Help your student understand COVID-19 [NPR - Just for Kids](#), [BrainPOP](#), [Scholastic](#)

[Pixel Art](#)

[Would You Rather Questions for Kids](#)

[Future Me](#) - Have your student write a letter to their future self & send it via email for a specific delivery date

[Six Minutes Podcast](#) - Aimed at kids between ages 6-12 and their parents

[Virtual Field Trips](#)

Encourage students/parents to set and follow a daily schedule. Here's a great example.

Before 9:00am	Wake up	Eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed, put PJ's in laundry
9:00-10:00	Morning walk	Family walk with the dog Yoga if it's raining
10:00-11:00	Academic time	NO ELECTRONICS Sudoku books, flash cards, study guide, Journal
11:00-12:00	Creative time	Legos, magnatiles, drawing, crafting, play music, cook or bake, etc
12:00	Lunch	
12:30PM	Chore time	A - wipe all kitchen table and chairs. B - wipe all door handles, light switches, and desk tops. C - Wipe both bathrooms - sinks and toilets
1:00-2:30	Quiet time	Reading, puzzles, nap
2:30-4:00	Academic time	ELECTRONICS OK Ipad games, Prodigy, Educational show
4:00-5:00	Afternoon fresh air	Bikes, Walk the dog, play outside
5:00-6:00	Dinner	
6:00-8:00	Free TV time	Kid showers x3
8:00	Bedtime	All kids
9:00PM	Bedtime	All kids who follow the daily schedule & don't fight

Non-screen activities you can do at home

Pobble

25 ideas!

What can you do when there's no school and you're stuck at home? Here are 25 fun ideas to choose from.



1 How many different words can you make from the letters in this sentence, below? Grab a pencil and paper and write a list!

'Learning from home is fun'

2 Thank a community hero. Think of someone that helps you in some way and write a short letter to thank them.

Thanks!

3 Get building! You could build a Lego model, a tower of playing cards or something else!



4 Can you create your own secret code? You could use letters, numbers, pictures or something else! Can you get someone else to try and crack it?

5 Start a nature diary. Look out of the window each day and keep note of what you see. Birds, flowers, changes in the weather, what else?

6 Hold a photo session. Use a camera or a mobile phone to take some snaps. What will you photograph? Your pets or toys perhaps?

7 Build a reading den. Find somewhere cosy, snuggle up and read your favourite book!



8 Use an old sock to create a puppet. Can you put on a puppet show for someone?



9 Make a list of all the electrical items in each room of your home. Can you come up with any ideas to use less electricity?

10 Design and make a homemade board game and play it with your family.



11 Do something kind for someone. Can you pay them a compliment, make them something or help them with a task?



12 Can you create a story bag? Find a bag and collect items to go in it that relate to a well known story. If you can't find an item, you could draw a picture to include.

13 List making! Write a list of things that make you happy, things you're grateful for or things you are good at.



14 Design and make an obstacle course at home or in the garden. How fast can you complete it?



15 Can you invent something new? Perhaps a gadget or something to help people? Draw a picture or write a description.



16 Keep moving! Make up a dance routine to your favourite song.



17 Write a play script. Can you act it out to other people?



18 Read out loud to someone. Remember to read with expression.



19 Write a song or rap about your favourite subject.



20 Get sketching! Find a photograph or picture of a person, place or object and sketch it.



21 Junk modelling! Collect and recycle materials such as yoghurt pots, toilet rolls and boxes and see what you can create with them.

22 Draw a map of your local area and highlight interesting landmarks.



23 Write a postcard to your teacher. Can you tell them what you like most about their class?

24 Draw a view. Look out of your window and draw what you see.



25 Get reading! What would you most like to learn about? Can you find out more about it in books? Can you find a new hobby?