

Learning at Home

Online Resources for Families With Young Children

Staying close to home does not mean adventure can't happen. There is an abundance of online resources available for children and families. Take a virtual trip together. Experience something new. Visit an exciting place. Learn cool stuff. Below are recommendations for some online learning adventures.

While we do recommend reviewing the American Pediatric Association's [recommendations for screen time](#), we acknowledge that we are using technology more than ever to connect with the outside world. Work as a family to set realistic guidelines for technology use in your home, keeping in mind that research states interactive apps and experiences are much more valuable than passive media. Experience these together, alongside your child or as a family.

Type of Learning	Website or App	Description	Age
App	Smiling Mind	A wealth of mindfulness experiences to do with your young children at home for stress relief and comfort.	5+
App/Website	Space Racers	Learn about space with the Space Racers team through episodes and games.	3+
Live Cam	Explore Live Cams	Explore a library rich with live cams from A to Z. Visit a bird sanctuary or possibly the ocean. All ages.	Toddler+
Live Cam	Atlanta Zoo Panda Cam	Take a virtual trip to the Atlanta Zoo and watch and learn about pandas.	All ages
Live Cam	Critter Cam	View live animal cams available throughout the day from the Helen Woodward Animal Center, featuring animals from puppies to parrots.	All ages
Live Cam	San Diego Zoo	Take a stroll through the San Diego Zoo with your child through live cams and videos of various animals.	Toddler+
Live Cam	Georgia Aquarium	Learn about the sea creatures at the Georgia Aquarium, the largest aquarium in the world. Access live cam and fact summaries about each exhibit, from beluga whales to sea otters.	Toddler+
Live Cam	Monterey Bay Aquarium	Go on an adventure peeking into the habitats of creatures from A to Z. Go birdwatching or learn about sharks with your child.	Toddler+
Online Learning	Online Learning for Families Boulder Journey School	Database of videos and activities to do with your child. Select age or topic.	Infant+
Online Learning	Boston Children's Museum Resources	Take a look at the vast online resources from the Boston Children's Museum.	Toddler+
Online Learning	Barefoot Books	Find sing-alongs, resources for activities, downloadable yoga cards, and nightly bedtime readings on Barefoot Books. Follow Barefoot Books on Facebook for their Facebook Watch Party events.	Toddler+

Online Learning	Bill Nye the Science Guy	Access science experiments to do at home with your child, as well as videos, facts about science topics, and suggested reading.	6+
Online Learning	National Geographic Kids	Expose children to the world of science, nature, culture, and history. Exploration includes videos, games, and fact sheets.	6+
Stream	Penguin Kids Instagram	Tune in daily at 11 a.m. ET for story time on the Penguin Kids Instagram page.	All ages
Video	Boston Ballet	Is your child interested in dance? Watch excerpts and interviews from the Boston Ballet.	5+
Video Class	Lunch Doodles-Kennedy Center	Draw, doodle, read, and write daily with Mo Willems, who will have live lessons at 1 p.m. ET daily. All episodes will be recorded and available to view.	6+
Video Episodes	Discovery Education Field Trips	Go on a virtual field trip with your child. Discovery is offering free access.	4+
Video Learning	BrainPOP Jr.	Select from a library of learning videos for younger children, including a hand-washing demo and an explanation of the coronavirus for children.	5+
Video Learning	GoNoodle	Keep your child active with these cool movement and yoga activities to do at home.	5+
Video Learning	Kindermusik International	Listen to top songs from Kindermusik International. Sing and dance along.	Toddler – 4
Video Learning	Tiny Tunes Live Music and Storytime	Facebook Live story and music time for children!	Toddler+
Video Learning	Preschool Inspirations Yoga Videos	Practice yoga with your child by selecting from the list of available yoga videos.	3+
Video Learning	Alpaca Farm Videos	See the world of alpacas at a farm in Maine, from how they are raised to what they like to eat.	3+
Video Links	Story Time From Space	Access links to story time read by astronauts in space. Children listen to stories as well as learn about space.	All ages
Video Links	Core Knowledge Blog-Read Aloud	Access links to numerous book read-alouds from K to 3 based on your child's age.	5+
Video Links	Storyline	Access links to great books read by famous actors and actresses.	5+
Virtual Tour	Museum of Natural History	Take a walk through the museum of giant dinosaurs and animals from all over the world.	Toddler+
Virtual Tour	Access Mars	Take a trip to Mars using this Google tool. Go for a walk on the planet.	3+
Virtual Tour	Dairy Farm Tour	Take a tour of a dairy farm and see where milk comes from.	4+
Virtual Tours, Videos, Online Resources	New England Aquarium	Take a virtual tour of the aquarium. View live presentations by aquarium staff or recordings of these events.	All ages