**ACTIVITY IDEAS**

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| **WRITING** | **MATH** | **SOCIAL STUDIES** |
| Write to a Character (letters, postcards, emails, texts, etc.)Write a conversation or texts between charactersDesign an Ad or TV Commercial based on the bookMake up Different EndingsWrite Poems, Stories, Journals, Book Review, FableHave a Character keep a DiaryMake a Vocabulary Poster or ChartDraw a Picture of a Sentence, Passage, or Favorite PartPlan a Trip to the setting and/or make a Travel BrochureWrite questions to ask a character or classmates (Quiz Show?)Facebook Profile for a CharacterCompare / ContrastFind Words or Letters in text or Word SearchCrossword Puzzle based on story or vocabularyMake a Secret Code with shapes, then write a messageWrite Jokes and RiddlesMake an Award for the book or characterCreate a Recipe or CookbookWrite a How-to-Guide or Instruction ManualAlphabet BookPlay or ScriptBusiness CardWhat if…? Change something in story.Write a Song or RapNews Story for TelevisionInvent SomethingPen Pals with other Sites or onlineMake and Conduct a SurveyCreate a Website or MagazineSilly WordsFlip or Pop Up BookGreeting CardTongue TwistersDesign a Book CoverTalk ShowFacts PosterList WordsResearch ReportMake a Check ListCreate a Contest | Solve Real Life Problems from bookGraph Data (from survey or story element)Draw a Plan to Make Something – 3-D or with MeasurementWork with Geometric Shapes to build or make a designMeasure Real ObjectsScale something up or downProbabilityFractionsAdd or SubtractMultiply or DivideGo Shopping in AdsCount and SortUse Coordinates to Find things on MapArea and PerimeterVolume and CapacityCreate a Catalog with PricesWrite a Math Problem for Classmates to SolveTangramsA Counting BookCompare Objects for bigger / smaller, taller / shorter / longerArrange from Biggest to Smallest, Least to Most ExpensivePlan a Menu with Calories and or PricesMatch or Find ShapesMake a CalendarWrite a Story ProblemUse all five senses to describe somethingUse coupons and advertisements to make a grocery list Time LinePictographFind or Make PatternsUse Tally MarksKeep Score in a Game Build with Blocks or Legos and Chart Number/Type of Blocks Make and Play a Board / Card GameChange a recipe (double, triple or half ingredients) Balance a budget  | Make a MapWrite Directions to Find Something in the RoomKeep a Travel JournalDraw Settings in Book and find on map you made or a real mapChart or Map the Travels in the StoryWrite a History based on the bookDiagram Geographic Features in StoryResearch Something from the PastPlan a Route for a Trip, Draw and Label itDraw and Describe the Community and WorkersPlan a Field Trip – Real or ImaginaryMake a 3-D MapFind Real Places on a MapResearch Natural Resources or a Place in the StoryDraw Houses, Clothes, Tools from the bookDescribe People, Places, Things, CultureTimeline of Story EventsPack a Bag for a Trip to a setting in bookInvent a new country with landforms, resources, flag, etc.Use a real GPS or Map App to find place in the bookMake a How-To VideoInvent a ToolMake a FlagDraw or Design a way to TravelConduct a pollResearch a cause and plan a fundraiser for itRead news snippets and map where they happenedInterview someone about a different timeMake GraphsMake a cartogram Practice giving directions from a mapMap your neighborhood with landmarks and safe spots |
| **SCIENCE** | **ART** | **GAMES** | **ONLINE RESOURCES** | **FIELD TRIPS** |
| Make a RecipeDo an ExperimentObserve and RecordCollect InformationInvent Something NewAnalyze a Diet for Nutrition / HealthMake a ModelDioramaWalk Like an AnimalMake a Collection of SomethingExamine something, draw and label Examine with a magnifying glass Make a HabitatImprove SafetyLook at Health Issues of CharactersNature WalkBuild something (tower, car, boat)Categorize and Group Invent new animals with adaptationsMake a chemical reactionDraw/Explain parts of the body Make different models of paper airplanes and have a competitionMake tops out of Legos | Design Flag, Logo, Book Cover, etc.Paint a Portrait of a Story CharacterMake a Movie or Video on IPADWrite a SongUse PICTOCHARTSculptureAdvertisementDraw Character or Scene from BookMake a CollageTake PhotosAct out sections of a bookMake a Play or SkitMake a GameMake Puppets or Paper DollsMake Comic Strip or Cartoon3-D ProjectLego DesignPattern DesignMake a cartoonMake a MobileJunk ArtMuralMake an InstrumentOrigamiMake a DanceMake a Web PageMake JewelryPaper MacheMake KitesTissue Paper ArtNature Art | Memory GameTelephone GamePack a Bag GameBoard GamesDice GamesOnline GamesDo or Make a Scavenger HuntMancalaLogic puzzlesGeometry puzzlesCard GamesMap GamesTeam CompetitionsScattegoriesTreasure HuntBingo with A FocusCharadesPictionaryHeads Up (app)Hopscotch with Vocabulary wordsJeopardy/Quiz game related to unitDebate gameWould You Rather…What if…P.E. GamesCreate a New SportMake up a GameEducational Video GamesInvent or Learn a magic trick | Resources for Teachers:* IPAD apps: ApproLearning, teachers recommend apps for download for all content areas
* Edtechteacher.org
* Scholastic.Com
* Click2Science.com
* ScienceBob.com
* Ipl.org/div/kidspace
* Readingrockets.com
* everythingESL.net
* DMPL.org
* Sciowa.org/scaleup
* Stemfinity.com
* IPTV.org/classroom
* Itunesu (app or app store)

Online Education Games/Sites:* Scholastic. Com
* Kid.nationalgeographic.com
* Gameonlearning.com
* Gameclassroom.com
* Brainnook.com
* Dsc.discovery.com
* Prongo.com
* Funbrain.com
* PBSkids.org

Virtual Field Trips:* Google “Lit Trips”
* Google “Virtual Field Trips”
* Pbslearningmedia.org
* IPTV.org/learingmedia
* Smithsonian.org
 | Real, In-House GuestsNeil Smith National Wildlife RefugeBlank Park ZooSpringbrook Aquatic EducationSaylorville LakePolk County ConservationCity of Des Moines ParksDes Moines WaterworksTerrace Hill Governor’s MansionState Capitol BuildingLiving History FarmIowa Gold Star MuseumIowa Hall of PrideIowa Historical MuseumCulture-AllBallet Des MoinesDes Moines Art CenterDes Moines Metro OperaDes Moines PlayhouseDes Moines SymphonyMetro Art AllianceGateway Dance TheatreScience Center of IowaMid-America EnergyBotanical GardenIowa Soy Bean AssociationFarrell’s for a karate classDance studio LibraryPappajohn sculpture parkHy-Vee dietician Fire Department Police DepartmentCourthousePost Office Bank Climb Iowa (for Rock Climbing) BowlingLandfillGrey’s Lake for boating Recycling CenterBaseball/Hockey/Soccer games  |