

Fun Educational Home Activities to Do While Schools are Closed (Using Supplies you Probably Have in your Home)



March 16-20
Theme - Setting and Scenery

Reading - Characters and Setting

Preschool children - Read a story to your child. Have them use play dough to create one of the characters.

Elementary Children - Read a story to your child or if your child is a reader have your child read a story by themselves. After they have read the story have your child draw the setting of the story using crayons or markers and blank paper. They may also create the setting using available art materials in your home. If your child enjoys building, have them use legos to design the setting using Legos. Older students can write a list of adjectives to describe the setting. For example, children might write soft green grass, tall oak trees, busy city streets. To have a daily activity let your child create the characters with materials on some days.

Writing - Creative Writing

Preschool children - have your child draw a picture on blank paper. Older preschool children may label their picture with letters they know. For example, they may write br for bear. Ask them what their story is about. Write down the exact words they say on their paper.

Elementary children - Give your child an example of each of the following

Person or animal
Place
Thing

Then let them write a short story based on these three things. Encourage them that their story can be silly. For example, a tiger can go to the skating rink and learn how to roller skate. While the tiger is there it could eat a hot dog and play soccer. Allow them time to draw a silly picture to match their silly story!

Math - Math Mats

Preschool children - have your child tell you a place they love. Help your child draw a picture of that place. Talk about what things they see in their place and draw them on their picture. For example, they may talk about a playground with a swing, slide, and balls. Use blocks to represent items such as balls, animals, etc. Place the blocks on your picture (math mat) and count them. Older preschoolers may even solve simple addition problems such as the child had 2 balls. Another child brought 3 more balls. How many balls do they have to play with?

Elementary children - Have your child draw (or create with fun art materials) a math mat of a setting. It could be a forest, store, house, field, garden, space, or anything they dream up. Have your child create and solve math word problems using whatever operation they are working on.

For example kids working on addition and subtraction may say "5 bunnies are in a field. 10 more bunnies come into the field. How many bunnies are in the field?" Even older children may say "25 fireflies light up in the dark. 62 more fireflies light up the night sky. How many fireflies are twinkling? " Let them write their word problems on paper. Make sure they write their number equations with answers!

Children working on multiplication and division may say "5 bunnies are in a field. Each bunny has 10 carrots. How many carrots do the bunnies have in the field?" Let them write their word problems on paper. Make sure they write their number equations with answers!

Science - Weather Unit

Preschool children - have your child make models of weather on paper. Create a sun with construction paper. Create clouds with cotton balls. Create rain with markers. Create wind with paint. Show them a map and let them tell what they think the weather will be like tomorrow and pretend to be a real meteorologist!

Elementary children - Monitor the weather for a week. Keep a daily journal of what the weather is like outside. You can help older children look up the weather details such as high temperatures and low temperatures on a weather app you may have. All children can daily draw a picture recording the weather for the day.

In addition for fun, children can create a rain gauge by using a plastic cup and marking the outside with inch marks to measure how much rain falls inside. Children can also create a wind vane by taping ribbon and/or trash bag strips to a stick and placing it outside to see if it is windy. One day print a picture of the United States map and allow the children to color it with different colors. Then, the following day your kids can pretend to be a meteorologist and "forecast the weather".

Art - Rainbow Craft

All ages- Make a Rainbow - Use tissue paper squares or construction paper squares to create a rainbow on blank paper. The children can glue individual squares to create a rainbow form in the correct color sequence of a rainbow. For younger children simply draw the lines for the rainbow and let them glue the squares on.

Good Quality Example Online Apps or Websites - (The cost of each varies.)

Websites for parent resources

scholastic.com - (parents- learn at home resources)

themailbox.com - worksheets for Prek - 5

learninga-z.com - (resources for reading, science, etc)

Apps (available on apple)

Splash math apps - math practice by grade levels

Epic app - kids books and videos

Scratch jr. app - coding and creating (free)

Inventioners app - logic and reasoning

Starfall app - letters, numbers, etc

Apps created by pbskids

Timeframe for Activities

Timeframes depend on the age of the child and how detailed your child gets with the activities or how fast your child works. Each child is different so timeframes range between all children.

Overall Timeframe

I have detailed sample schedules below for each grade level. Remember you can choose to follow it as is or do your own schedule. Feel free to only use what you wish!

Preschool children -
Daily 2 - 3.5 hours

	Reading	Writing	Math	Science/SS	Art	Ipad
	15-30 min	15-30 min	15-30 min	15-30 min	30 min	30-60 min
Mon	Create characters with playdough	Draw a picture and tell about it	Math mats with blocks or toys	Create sun	Choose a day for rainbow project or allow free art and coloring	Practice apps daily
Tues	Create characters with paint	Draw a picture and tell about it	Math mats with blocks or toys	Create clouds	Choose a day for rainbow project or allow free art and coloring	Practice apps daily
Wed	Create characters with markers	Draw a picture and tell about it	Math mats with blocks or toys	Create wind	Choose a day for rainbow project or allow free art and coloring	Practice apps daily
Thurs	Create characters with art materials	Draw a picture and tell about it	Math mats with stuffed animals and big paper	Create rain	Choose a day for rainbow project or allow free art and coloring	Practice apps daily
Fri	Act out the story with toys	Draw a picture and tell about it	Math mats with stuffed animals and big paper	Be a meteorologist	Choose a day for rainbow project or allow free art and coloring	Practice apps daily

Elementary children -
Daily hours 3 - 6 hours

	Reading	Writing	Math	Science/SS	Art	Ipad
	30-60 min	30-60 min	30-60 min	30-60 min	30-60 min	30-60 min
Mon	Read story and create setting by drawing	Write a silly story using 3 words (person, place, thing)	Create Math mats and write word problems on notebook paper	Daily weather journal Make rain gauge	Choose a day for rainbow project or allow free art and coloring	Practice apps daily
Tues	Read story and create setting with Legos	Write a silly story using 3 words (person, place, thing)	Create Math mats and write word problems on notebook paper	Daily weather journal Make wind vane	Choose a day for rainbow project or allow free art and coloring	Practice apps daily
Wed	Read story and create setting with construction paper	Write a silly story using 3 words (person, place, thing)	Create Math mats and write word problems on notebook paper	Daily weather journal Make map of the USA	Choose a day for rainbow project or allow free art and coloring	Practice apps daily
Thurs	Read story and draw a picture of your favorite character	Choose your favorite story to publish (type and draw a picture on a word art program)	Create Math mats and write word problems on notebook paper	Daily weather journal Become a meteorologist	Choose a day for rainbow project or allow free art and coloring	Practice apps daily
Fri	Read story and create the characters with art materials	Free choice writing	Create Math mats and write word problems on notebook paper - use big paper and stuffed animals!	Daily weather journal Make a mural of you in your favorite weather scene	Choose a day for rainbow project or allow free art and coloring	Practice apps daily