

Learning Resources for Educators and Families

Q: What resources are available for educators that may be helpful towards facilitating learning at home?

A: VPI Coordinators and other early childhood leaders have prepared resources for supporting virtual learning and/or learning at home. Please note that the VDOE will continue to collect these resources and encourage educators to upload them to the new portal, [GoOpenVA](#).

Q: What resources are available for families that may be helpful towards facilitating learning at home?

A: The VDOE has pulled together the following free learning resources that are available to families.

Online Learning

[Age of Learning](#)® is offering families at schools and centers affected by school closure free at-home access to research-proven learning resources. Families can use the redeem code: SCHOOL3673 to sign up for each of the following programs:

- [ABCmouse.com](#)® Early Learning Academy is a comprehensive, research-validated curriculum for children 2-8
- [ReadingIQ](#)® is a digital library and literacy platform for children 2-12 designed by reading experts to improve literacy skills.

Questions can be sent to support@aofl.com.

[ABCYA](#)® provides free access to preschool learning games covering letters, numbers, problem-solving (strategy) and other preschool skills.

[GoNoodle](#)® offers free movement and mindfulness videos for children (appropriate for older preschoolers).

Watch the [GoNoodle 101: An Intro for Families](#) video for more information.

[Khan Academy Kids](#)® is a free, educational app providing families of children ages 2-7 access to thousands of activities and books. Focused content includes math, reading, social emotional learning, creative projects, and more.

[Read How to use Khan Academy Kids](#) for remote learning for details on how to set up a free account.

[PBS Kids](#)® is adding daily activities and tips to their parent newsletter. This free resource is a guide families can use to help their children ages 2-8 play and learn at home. Content covers emotions and self-awareness, social skills, character, literacy, math, science, and arts. [Sign-up](#) for this free newsletter and also check out other no-cost resources made available to support families:

- [PBS KIDS 24/7](#) channel offers anytime access to trusted educational series for kids ages 2-8 (check local listings)

- [PBS KIDS Video](#) app is available on mobile, tablet, and connected TV devices and offers on-demand educational videos (live stream of PBS KIDS 24/7 channel also available. No subscription required.
- [PBS KIDS Games](#) app- nearly 200 educational games for children ages 2-8; can be downloaded for offline play. Learn more [here](#).
- [PBS KIDS for Parents](#) offers information, activities, and tips for parents, including the resource [“How to Talk to Your Kids About Coronavirus.”](#)

[Scholastic Learn at Home](#) is a free resource for families impacted by school closure. The website links to a hub of active, cross-curricular learning journeys for up to three hours of learning experiences per day for prekindergarten children. No-cost access to articles and stories, videos, and related learning challenges available for up to 20 days. Spanish content available.

Families must first set up a free account for [BookFlix](#)® and [Watch and Learn Library](#)®, entering **username:** Learning20 | **password:** Clifford

[Starfall](#)® offers free access to interactive prekindergarten language arts, math, and music activities.

Text Services

Several programs are available to offer tips and resources for families that support early learning through text messages. Message and data rates apply.

[Bright by Text](#) provides quality information and trusted resources to families of children prenatal to age eight partnering with LPB. **Text:** LPB to 274448

[Vroom](#) offers free, easy-to-use learning tips for children 5 and under delivered daily directly to your phone. Sign up for free.

[Ready4K](#) is an evidence-based family engagement curriculum delivered via text messages. **Text:** Readby4th to 70138

Q: How can families support preschoolers during this difficult time?

A: Closures will result in changes in routine and some anxiety for children. Share these resources with families to support their conversations with young children.

[Parent and Caretaker guide for helping families cope with COVID 19](#)

[Just For Kids: A Comic Exploring The New Coronavirus](#)

[Talking to Children About COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) - A Parent Resource](#)