

Jones Lane Elementary School PTA

A Letter from the President & Virtual Resources for Kids

Dear Jaguar Families:

Congratulations! We have made it to the end of 2020 - almost a full year of virtual schooling, *if you count back to March*. To all of the parents and guardians: You are rockstars! I see you. I know how hard you are working. To all our kids: You are all amazing and we love you and we are here for you.

Thank you all for participating in our activities this past fall. It is not easy to plan engaging activities in a virtual setting but we so thankful to our friends who came to PTA Tuesday and our staff and Teachers who joined us and led us in some of the fun.

I also want to thank my wonderful PTA Board, Sarah Weinstein, Amy Fenzel, Nicole Boston, Jane Mugrage & Francine Hernandez. Each one of them has made direct contributions to make these past few months fun and engaging for our school community.

I wish you all a most enjoyable winter break. Please be safe, stay warm, wear masks, maintain social distancing, rest and recharge. I am looking forward to seeing you all in the new year - virtually to begin with and hopefully in person as the year progresses.

If you or a neighbor is experiencing food insecurity, please reach out to me directly and I will connect you to local resources. I can be reached at 301-204-5914 or my email, President.JLESPTA@gmail.com

Below are some links that have been compiled by members of the community. I have not had time to test each link but most of them should still be working.

Sincerely,

Stacy Kravitz, JLES PTA President.

VIRTUAL RESOURCES FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

MATH

[Zearn](#): provides math activities that align with and review eureka modules.

[Prodigy](#): adaptive math game that integrates common-core math (grades 1-7) into a fantasy style game Class Code: ODD81F

[Eureka](#): daily video lesson with supporting materials (and science lessons too!)

[Khan Academy](#): expert-created content and resources for every course and level. Includes both free activities and ones linked to students' google accounts specifically for math.

[Open Middle](#): math challenge tasks

[Dreambox](#): adaptive, online K-8 math program that supports informed decision making

[Math Playground](#): free online math games

[Math Card Games](#): a bunch of card games to play that work on math skills

LITERACY

[Epic](#): Online books Class Code: cmw8227

[Storytime from Space](#): astronauts reading books from space

[Scholastic Learn at Home](#): every day includes four separate learning experiences, each built around a thrilling, meaningful story or video.

[Time for Kids](#): kid friendly news stories

[Storyline Online](#): some favorite kids books read by celebrities

[Highlights Kids](#): fun games, recipes, crafts, activities

[Into the Book](#): games to get "into the book" and practice reading skills and strategies

[Common Lit](#): reading passages for grades 3-12, with reading comprehension and discussion question

[Dreamscape](#): engaging reading game for grades 2-8 that combines strategy, engagement, and imaginative reading passages

[Brainbox](#): carefully crafted spelling adventure

[Paragraph Punch](#): guides students through crafting a well thought out paragraph

[Readworks](#): online resource of reading passages and lesson plans for students of all levels K-12

[Youngzine](#): news and more for kids

[Magic Tree House](#): games and activities based on the book series

[Grammaropolis](#): dive into the parts of speech with videos and games

[Typing Club](#): practice keyboarding skills

SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES

[Nasa](#): space activities that can be done at home

[Virtual Museum Tours](#): continually updated with examples of museum and museum-adjacent virtual activities.

[Imagineering](#): imagineering in a box is designed to pull back the curtain to show you how artists, designers and engineers work together to create theme parks. go behind the scenes with disney imagineers and complete project-based exercises to design a theme park of your very own.

[National Wildlife Readers](#): read about wildlife and nature through award-winning print publications.

[Natural Park Virtual Tours](#): tour some of our greatest natural parks from the comfort of your home.

[Explore Mars](#): explore the surface of Mars on the Curiosity rover.

[San Diego Zoo](#): the San Diego Zoo has a website just for kids with amazing videos, activities, and games.

[Project Explorer](#): free videos from around the world grades 3-12

[Homeschool Scientist](#): fun engineering challenges to do at home

mysteryscience.com/school-closure-planning fun videos and experiments for home

[Home Safari](#) - explore the Cincinnati Zoo at Home

ARTS, MUSIC AND MORE

[Pete The Cat](#): even third graders can enjoy Pete the Cat drawing tutorial livestreams daily on Instagram :)

[Lunch Doodles](#): author Mo Willems (Pigeon series, Elephant and Piggie series) shares daily videos

[Creativity Challenge](#): a list of creative and fun activities to do at home

[Breakout Games](#): educational games K-12

[Chrome Music Lab](#): a website that makes learning music more accessible through fun, hands-on experiments.

[Maker Stations](#): 3 free weeks of maker stations to keep your children creating at home!

[Carmen Sandiego](#): Carmen Sandiego videos, stories, and lessons for all subject areas

[Wonderopolis](#): Short videos and readings that answer various burning questions for students. There are vocabulary challenges and comprehension questions.

[Color Online](#): online coloring pages

[Scratch](#): coding activities

[Star Wars Coding](#): coding activities with blocks or JavaScript

[Jigsaw](#): electronic jigsaw puzzles with photographs

[Create Your Own Comic Strip](#): kids can choose partially complete (or blank) comic strips and create a comic.

[NCAA March Madness Project](#): Just because there will be no basketball games (or hockey, or baseball, or Broadway, or much of anything) doesn't mean we can't press on with a project!

[Renaissance Art](#) - Art Boxes delivered to your home - 3 projects each

EVEN MORE....

Reading/Read Alouds



Josh Gad
@joshgad

Josh Gad reading children's books on Twitter.

<https://www.southernthing.com/josh-gad-of-frozen-is-reading-books-to-kids-on-twitter-every-night-2645509776.html>



Save with Stories Jennifer Gardner and Amy Adams reading stories for kids on Instagram.

https://www.instagram.com/SAVEWITHSTORIES/?utm_source=ig_embed



Stories read by many actors and actresses

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>



Interactive eBooks complimentary access from capstone: www.mycapstonelibrary.com

Username: continue Password: reading



Mims - All eBooks and audiobooks are FREE and can be downloaded on any device. <https://mimshousebooks.com/>



Howard B Wigglebottom books (some with animation), activities and lessons <https://wedolisten.org/>



Practice math and reading skills all while playing fun games.

[ABCya](http://ABCya.com)



Author Neil Gaiman reads his entire novel The Graveyard Book along with other kid activities.

www.mousecircus.com



Free Audio books by Audible by Amazon

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

FREE access Junior Library Guild Digital Online Reading Platform!

JLG Digital Home Website: <https://jlg.ipublishcentral.com>



Elementary Username: JLGELM

Middle School Username: JLG MID

High School Username: JLG HI

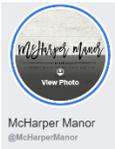
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Art



Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems

<https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems/>



McHarper Manor (@McHarperManor) provides free arts & crafts tutorials on facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/McHarperManor/posts/852529695216819>



Make (@makepaducah) provides Free art lessons for kids on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/makepaducah/posts/>



Learn how to draw some animated characters with animator, Michael Woodside!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbz0SRP7ftKQWKSHvIKPBzQ/videos>

Content



National Geographic Kids- Explore animals, watch videos, and play games. [<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>]



Scholastic Magazine- Lesson plans by grade level for teaching remotely.

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>



Highlights Kids- A kids magazines with activities, jokes, games, stories, and more.

<https://www.highlightskids.com/>



PebbleGo complimentary access from capstone. www.pebblego.com

Username: engaged Password: learning



12 virtual Museum Tours from all over the world

<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>



33 Virtual National Park Tours!

<https://totallythebomb.com/heres-33-national-park-tours-you-can-take-virtually-from-the-comfort-of-your-home?fbclid=IwAR1DVXINRPIUelgm4dyEhHqSn5LD1FU5bzTVCEahThWkVzwNZnQRGFbb3VU>



Digital Education Resources from the Smithsonian

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/eight-digital-education-resources-around-smithsonian-180974430/>

Virtual Field trips to explore the world!

explore the world

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZAxfV2_uSk44q75y4odr8XjuZ7KWUDvkSptHi6TVfE/preview



Discovery Education provides free virtual tours

<https://www.discoveryeducation.com/community/virtual-field-trips/>



More Virtual Field Trips!

<https://www.chesapeakefamily.com/fun/fun-stuff-to-do/9901-virtual-field-trips-kids-can-explore-the-world-from-home>



PBS Design Squad

<https://pbskids.org/designsquad/>



Read interesting facts about the behavior and characteristics of the 142 animal species in Switch Zoo.

[Switch Zoo](#)



Makes a good jumping-off point for research on animals or a school project.

[ZooBorns](#)



Tinker with gadgets, go under the sea, learn about space, animals, and cells through videos, activities, and more.

[Exploratorium](#)



Learn all about space with Nasa. Images, videos, and articles about all things space.

[NASA Kids Club](#)



History for kids provides articles, games, videos, worksheets and even a quiz on many historical events.

[History for Kids](#)



Find information on the foundation of the Jamestown Colony and victory at Yorktown during the Revolutionary War.

[Jamestown/Yorktown Foundation](#)



Learn about United States history, world history, and ancient civilizations

[Ducksters](#)



Time Kids is an online magazine for children that covers interesting articles, photos, and videos.

[Time for Kids](#)



Studies Weekly is the only standards-based consumable textbook that takes your students deeper through primary sources paired with a robust online platform.

[Studies Weekly](#) (Free during school closures)

Math



[Math Playground](#)

Online math games to build on your mathematical skills!



The engaging, curriculum-aligned math platform loved by over 50 million students, teachers and admins. [Prodigy Math](https://www.prodigymath.com/)

Games



From the Multiplication Grand Prix to the Knight and the Princess, students can practice their basic math skills in a fun and engaging way on this math site for kids.

<https://www.multiplication.com/>



Khan Academy provides expert-created content and resources for every course and level.

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>



Cool Math provides an amusement park style to practice all your math skills.

[Cool Math](https://www.coolmath.com/)

Computer Science



Code Spark introduces coding concepts to students. (online and app download)

<https://codespark.com/>



ChatterPix is an app download that allows your child to take a picture of their favorite part of a story book and then record their voice explaining why it is their favorite part or what they learned!

Amoeba



AMOEBASISTERS - SCIENCE

We are two sisters on a mission to demystify science with humor and relevance by creating free videos, GIFs, handouts, resources, and comics

Sisters

<https://www.youtube.com/user/AmoebaSisters>

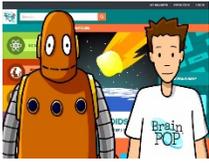


Brainpop

Tynker Jr. is another app download that builds foundational coding skills in pre-k through first graders.

www.brainpop.com

BrainPOP - Animated Educational Site for Kids - Science, Social Studies, English, Math, Arts & Music, Health, and Technology.



Using the link, students will learn coding while they are playing their favorite games. It is all about being a producer (coder) of information vs a consumer (gamer). <https://hourofcode.com/us/learn>

Physical Fitness



Fun and engaging activities for the whole family! <https://www.gonoodle.com/for-families/>
[Natalia's Fitness](#) Fitness by a kid for kids!



This amazing young lady posts daily lessons in physical fitness, math, science, social studies and ELA.



PE with Joe!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

30 Day LEGO Challenge

Follow the instructions for each day. The only rule is to have fun and use your imagination!

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| Day 1 | | Day 2 | | Day 3 | | Day 4 | |
| You were hired by an amusement park to create a new roller coaster. | | NASA needs you to build a new rocket. | | Your parents want to build a new home and they want you to build it. | | Hollywood hires you to build a movie set for a new Star Wars movie. | |
| Day 6 | | Day 8 | | Day 7 | | Day 9 | |
| You enter a contest to build the world's tallest tower. Will you win? | | You are stuck on Mars and need to build a new ship to get home. | | Ford hires you to create the toughest pick up truck in the world. | | You and 4 friends are stranded on an island. Build a boat to find a way home. | |
| Day 12 | | Day 13 | | Day 14 | | Day 15 | |
| Dr. Who hires you to build a new TARDIS. | | You are asked by the President to build a new monument to George Washington. | | Mr. Hilton hires you to build a new hotel. | | There is a circus in town. Build a place for the performance. | |
| Day 16 | | Day 17 | | Day 18 | | Day 19 | |
| The city wants you to build a bridge to connect one side of the town to the other. | | Build the fastest car around and join the big car race. | | Do you wanna build a snowman? Get in the winter mood and build a snow scene. | | The city wants you to build a bridge to connect one side of the town to the other. | |
| Day 22 | | Day 23 | | Day 24 | | Day 25 | |
| The fence is broke and the dog keeps escaping. Build one he can't get out of. | | You are now in medieval times. You are commissioned to build a jousting arena. | | The local bank keeps getting robbed. Build a safe no one can crack. | | Design and build your dream bedroom. | |
| Day 26 | | Day 27 | | Day 28 | | Day 29 | |
| You are elected ruler and you need to build a war robot to defeat them. | | Aliens are invading and you need to build a war robot to defeat them. | | The aliens have taken over. They are impressed by your robot. They want you build one for them. | | You are hired to build a house entirely out of yellow Legos. | |
| Day 30 | | Day 30 | | Day 30 | | Day 30 | |
| There is blizzard. You will need to build a snowmobile. | |  | |  | |  | |
| | | | | | | What was your favorite day? | |

30 Day LEGO Building Challenge

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| Build a Roller Coaster 1 | Build A Town 2 | BUILD A ROCKET SHIP 3 | Build the world's tallest tower 4 | Build An Airplane 5 | BUILD THE PERFECT PIZZA 6 |
| Build a ROBOT 7 | Build a Boat That Floats 8 | BUILD A CASTLE 9 | Build a horse 10 | BUILD A MAZE 11 | Build a Picture Frame 12 |
| Build A Train 13 | Build A Venus Fly Trap 14 | Build a Unicorn 15 | Build a Pirate Ship 16 | Build A Scene From Your Favorite Book 17 | Build An Ice Cream Truck 18 |
| BUILD A DOG HOUSE 19 | Build A Flying Saucer 20 | BUILD A SPORTS ARENA 21 | Build A Water Park 22 | Build A Shark 23 | Build a Bridge 24 |
| BUILD A TREE HOUSE 25 | Build Your Name With Bricks 26 | Build A Dragon 27 | Build A Historical Scene 28 | Build A Monster 29 | Build an instrument 30 |