**118 Fun Activities/Resources for Kids During a Pandemic**

1. Make music playlists for you and the kids – have Dance Parties throughout the day

2. On-line book readings – see Jennifer Garner FB or storylineonline.net

3. Create laughter with kids

4. Take a pause – 3 deep breathes

5. Create a gratitude wall with post-it-notes in the house

6. Create plays and musicals

7. Chalk the driveway/sidewalks. Play hopscotch and/or create a hopscotch obstacle course

8. Cooking/baking. Make a new recipe. Pretend you are making a cooking show. Tasty on FB has “21 Fun & Delicious Recipes You Can Make With Your Kids”

9. Rock painting to leave the rocks on walks. “Rock strong” – kids decorate a rock they can keep in their pocket for a worry stone.

10. Mombrite.com – how to build balloon powered Lego cars & other kid activities

11. Weareteachers.com – “25 family movies every kid should see plus fun activities to go with them”

12. Scavenger/Treasure hunts – a community put Teddy Bears all over their neighborhood for kids on a Scavenger Teddy Bear hunt. *The Ultimate Book of Scavenger Hunts*, Stacy Tornio, 2020 (ages 4-10 years), Gratitude scavenger hunt (Kay has a handout).

13. Trauma-informed Practice on FB – “Kids 7 minute Workout for Self-regulation”

14. Lunch doodle with children’s book author and illustrator Mo Willems – kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems/

15. Kids.nationalgeographic.com

16. Highlightkids.com, kahoot.com, funbrain.com, cbckids.ca– games, puzzles and learning games. *Summer Fun* *Puzzles & Brain Games*, Publications International Ltd, 2019.

17. Buzzfeed.com – “27 Indoor Activities for Kids Stuck at Home Because of the Coronavirus”

18. Kiddycharts.com – COVID Time Capsule for kids and parents to complete

19. Explore.com – African wildlife cam

20. Billnye.com – science experiments

21. Google Doodle – interactive games, videos and toys

22. Romper.com – 10 Children’s Books About Being Calm

23. National Audubon Society – How to Draw Birds with David Allen Sibley (YouTube)

24. Home Depot – Ask for free Kids Workshop Kits of the Month and look on website for Activities for Kids

25. Google African Masks – have kids make their own with cardboard.

26. Build forts and/or plan a ‘camp out’ in the living room.

27. Put on a fashion show.

28. Have a space adventure – turn a cardboard box into a spaceship

29. Draw yourself as a superhero.

30. Learn to juggle.

31. Learn your name in sign language.

32. Resilience building journals for kids – biglifejournal.com

33. *Ella’s Summer Fun: A Kid’s Yoga Summer Book*, Giselle Shardlow (6-8 years old)

34. *Camping Activity Book for Families*, Linda Parker Hamilton, 2016, (all ages).

35. Making handwashing fun for kids – 20 second scrubbing - TikTok videos.

36. Animal Crossing Nintendo video game (family stress reliever).

37. Pool noodle baseball – trim down pool noodle and use a beach ball.

38. DIY Backyard Quidditch – thescrapshoppeblog

39. Kick Croquet – use a croquet mallet and a hard ball – innerchildfun.com

40. Kids crafts - Craftymorning.com, alittlepinchofperfect.com (color changing slime), craftingwithreny.com

41. Clothespin tag – each player gets a clothespin clipped to the back of their shirt. The object is to steal other people’s clothespins without letting them get yours. Be the last player with a clothespin on your back to win.

42. 28 Ultra-Fun DIY Backyard Games for all ages – HGTV.com

43. *Thank You Helpers* book, Patricia Hegarty & Michael Emmerson, (Ages 4-8).

44. Have your child write a letter to a relative and have the relative write them back.

45. Grandparents reading a book on Skype to your children every day.

46. Parents holding a “Common Sense Camp” for their kids including learning practical skills like reading a map, using a banking app to budget, how to be a good friend, how to administer CPR and First Aid. *How to Be a Person: 65 Hugely Useful, Super Important Skills to Learn Before You’ve Grown Up* by Catherine Newman.

47. Virtual Summer Camps – coding, cooking, drawing, etc. outschool.com, varsitytutors.com, activityhero.com.

48. “Chopped” Cooking Competitions.

49. *Billie and the Brilliant Bubble* (explains social distancing) Ages K-5, 2020

50. Free virtual Hamilton Education Class from Lin-Manual Miranda – kidsactivitiesblog.com

51. DIY Craft Airplane kits – sold by 6 year old Nicholas (part of the proceeds goes to charity) creationsbynicholas.com

52. COVID Coloring Book – bethechangecoloringco.com – 15 year old’s donating some of the proceeds to charity.

53. COVID-19 free books – Wearing a Mask to School, What is Social Distancing?, autismlittlelearners.com

54. *Why We Stay Home* book (free download explains the pandemic) – Samantha Harris & Devon Scott.

55. Beginner embroidery kits, sewing kits, paint-by-number kits, friendship bracelet kits – Etsy.com

56. 100 things to do when kids are bored – everydayshortcuts.com

57. Soap making kit – Klutz store

58. Story cubes (story dice) – Zygomatic

59. Chalkboard wallpaper/chalk reusable placemats (Imagination Starters)

60. Dinosaur Habitat – indoor gardening project.

61. Dot markers – washable paint markers

62. Dragon Cookie Cutter for cookies, sandwiches, etc. – Sweet Cookie Crumbs

63. Hair chalks (instant washable color)

64. Ice cream Ball – makes ice cream in 30 minutes

65. Hover soccer – for indoors

66. String Art Kit – makes a star shaped lantern – String Art Star Light

67. Outdoor Adventure Set for Backyard fun – 9 piece set

68. Pusheen Cross Stitch kit

69. Roll and Play Game (ages 1-5) – Thinkfun

70. Scented kinetic sand

71. Sensory Sox – Sanho Yopo store

72. Crystal Growing Kit – Dan and Darci Store

73. Outdoor Game set – Elite Sportz Equipment Store

74. Scavenger Hunt Fame for Toddlers – Mollybee Kids Store

75. Visual Timer – time for snack, TV, homework – Learning Resources Store – Time Tracker Mini Visual Timer

76. Giant Bubble Maker – Wowmazing

77. Wikki Stix Playset – Wikki Stix store

78. Window Bird Feeder – Nature’s Hangout Store

79. Wobble Cushion -helps kids focus. Bintiva Store

80. Bath bombs with sea creature prizes – I am Happy Store

81. Kids Schedule Chart – Spritegru

82. Scratch off notes – Purple Ladybug Novelty Store

83. Drawing Book (ages 9-12) Aaria Baird -How to Draw: Easy Techniques and Step-by-Step Drawing for Kids

84. Crayola Art Set

85. Floor is Lava Game – Endless Games Store

86. Giant Jenga Fame – Apud Armis – giant tumble tower

87. Baby Yoda Jigsaw Puzzle – Buffalo Games Store

88. Building Bath Pipes Toy – Boon

89. Eco crayons – Eco Stars

90. Kids Against Maturity game for family – kids 8-12

91. Sushi Go! Game – Gamewright Store

92. Outside Scavenger Hunt – gofindit

93. Magnetic Fishing Game – ages 3-6. Cozybomb Store

94. *A Little Spot Stays Home: A Story About Viruses and Social Distancing*, Diane Alber.

95. *A Little Spot Wears a Mask*, Diane Alber.

96. *A Little Spot Learns Online: A Story about Virtual Classroom Expectations,* Diane Alber.

97. Photomath app

98. Michaels.com – Make 100 Fun Projects with just 10 Products

99. “Indoor Recess” – free daily dance parties with DJ Hesta Prynn – hestaprynn.com

100. accessmars.withgoogle.com – explore the surface of Mars on the Curiosity Rover

101. allkidsnetwork.com – crafts, activities, mazes, etc.

102. busytoddler.com – indoor activities for busy toddlers

103. crazygames.com – free games

104. funology.com – crafts, projects, science, recipes for young children

105. kiwico.com – Kiwi Co – quick and easy home projects for kids 2 and up

106. littletwistersyoga.com – free at home kids yoga lesson plans

107. nomsterchef.com – illustrated recipes to help kids 2-12 cook with their grownups

108. thecolor.com – online digital coloring pages

109. nps.gov – tour Yellowstone National Park

110. google.com – Google Earth – discover cities around the world.

111. radioflyer.com – playing at home initiative

112. Kindness Bingo (see Compassion Resiliency website to download)

113. pbskids.org (Esme & Roy video)

114. Kiwi Crate Subscription – kiwico.com – science and art projects

115. letsmakeart.com

116. sesamestreet.org

117. Koo Koo Kanga Roo videos (YouTube) – one video is about wearing face masks

118. Just Dance Kids - YouTube

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