

Student Enrichment Activities for GES Students

Parents,

We know this can be a challenging time to keep your children engaged. Please keep this list of suggested links handy to provide your child with fun learning options. **GES is here for you during this time away from traditional schooling. At no other time has Parent Involvement been more important to your child than right now!**

Virtual Field Trips:

The Zoo

- [San Diego Zoo](#) one of the best zoos in the country can be viewed from your living room
- [Cincinnati Zoo Home Safari](#) - While this zoo is closed, they will be live streaming on Facebook each weekday at 3 pm Eastern, highlighting one of the zoo's animals and including an activity that "visitors" can do from home.
- [Atlanta Zoo Panda Cam](#) on YouTube

The Aquarium

- The [Georgia Aquarium Webcams](#) allow you to view whale sharks, penguins, sea lions, and much more!
- [National Aquarium](#) "self guided" tour
- The [Seattle Aquarium](#) has a 30 minute virtual tour on YouTube to view

The Planetarium

- [Star Atlas](#) lets your child explore over 60,000 stars and planets

The Great Outdoors

- [The Nature Conservancy](#) has over 11 virtual field trips for you to enjoy
- [Yellowstone National Park](#) has virtual tours and a live-stream of Old Faithful and other active geysers.

Arts & Culture

- Tour some of the exhibits at [The Louvre](#)
- [The Smithsonian](#) has an extensive list of virtual exhibits
- [Boston Children's Museum](#) offers an virtual tour and free learning resources
- [The Metropolitan Museum of Art](#) has various ways to explore on its site
- Google Arts and Culture is a treasure trove of monumental works of art. Utilize the street view virtual tour or the Art Zoom virtual tour.

Educational:

- [Georgia Public Broadcast education](#) in partnership with the Georgia Department of Education is offering programming with accompanying digital resources that adhere to the Georgia Standards of Excellence
- [Scholastic](#) learn at home is a great tool with books, activities, and many resources

- [Discovery Education](#) host virtual events with hand-on activities
- [TIME for Kids](#) offers news and information for kids written in a way that is appropriate for them
- [National Geographic for Kids](#) has everything your child might want to know about animals and nature. There is even a section for the youngest members of your family!
- Answering a million questions at home right now? Explore [How Stuff Works](#) together to get the answers to thousands of questions!
- [FunBrain.com](#) has educational books, videos, printable, and games for kids in PreK-8th grade
- [San Francisco's Exploratorium](#) mixes science and art in innovative new ways, including some great resources to help explain the Covid-19 virus to your child.
- We have all read a [Highlights magazine](#) as kids and now your child can browse at home. This site offers games, art projects, stories and science experiments.
- [The Old Farmers Almanac for Kids](#) is loaded with interesting facts for your inquisitive child
- [Audible](#) is offering free audio kids books while we are learning from home!
- While the [Catoosa County Library](#) is closed, the online library is always open. Visit their page for information on checking out books online.
- Finished with the [GES S.T.E.M.](#) event? Visit [Science Sparks](#) for more fun S.T.E.M. activities!

Get Moving:

- [Go Noodle](#) is an excellent resource for a brain break! This is used by GES teachers in their classrooms.
- [Cosmic Kids Yoga](#) is a personal favorite. It combines yoga with storytelling and is great for kids of all ages!
- [Kids' HIIT](#) workout is a great cardio workout with no equipment required!
- [Spark](#) is offering free at home resources during this time.
- [Shape America](#) offers printable calendars and fun workouts to do at home using a towel, a balloon, or paper plates.
- Youtube offers many varied at home workouts. Search for your favorites or take this time to learn something new!

Creative Outlets:

- [Red Ted Art](#) is a great online resource for easy, child friendly arts and crafts.
- Michael's craft Stores is holding a Facebook Live tutorial every Wednesday at noon.
- [Kinder Art](#) is a great website for teaching art to your child
- [The Artful Parent](#) has over 500 projects for kids
- [Art Hub](#) teaches kids how to draw a wide variety of subjects

[WeAreTeachers.com](#) has compiled many lists of educational websites and offers tips for homeschooling during quarantine. I have referenced this site many times and encourage you to do so!

If you have any other websites or ideas that you have found to be helpful to your family during this time, please reach-out and share with me (mwatson.ges@catoosa.k12.ga.us) so that I can pass them along.