

Activities for Elementary Age Kids:

While having to stay at home, kids can still be kept busy and learning in a variety of ways. Here are some of the ways to keep children engaged.

**All of these activities can be used in a variety of ways to keep kids learning and entertained while having to stay home. They can all be modified to fit the appropriate age of the child.



Nonacademic ideas:

- Fill up a bucket with water and have smaller plastic cups that kids can play in. This is your very own water table.
- Place a couple items on the table or floor. Have the child cover their eyes and take one item away. See if the child can remember what item was taken away.
- Go outside when able to. Kids love to be outside and run around. If there are other kids, they could play tag, hopscotch, draw with chalk.
- Fill up a bigger container of sand and have a shovel and pail. You can make pretend that you are at the beach. You can bury various items and have your child try to dig it up and find the hidden treasure. These ideas work with fine motor skills.
- Younger kids will enjoy playing dress-up with old Halloween costumes.
- Board games.
- Puzzles.
- Create a glitter jar. You would need a mason jar, glitter, and glue. Fill up the mason jar with water, glue, and glitter. Seal the jar tight and the child is able to play with the jar.
- Watch movies or TV shows (educational or fun). These should be family-friendly movies or TV shows.
- Act out scenes from the child's favorite movie or TV show.
- PBSkids.org (educational and fun shows for kids)
- Playing games like hide and seek.
- Sorting and organizing their room or other spaces around the house. For older kids, help building storage containers.
- Go through old clothes or toys that you can eventually donate.
- Have children help prepare meals when they are able to.
- Play a puppet show with socks.



Academic ideas:

- Count to 100 by ones and tens.
- Count forward beginning from a given number within the known sequence (instead of having to start at 1).
- Write numbers from 0 to 20. Represent a number of objects with a written numeral 0-20 (with 0 representing a count of no object)
- Count to tell the number of objects.
- Read a book together or have the child read to you or silently. Have the child explain to you what occurred in the book to work on developing concepts such as characters, plot, setting, etc.
- Paint a picture and describe it.
- Practice writing the alphabet.
- Sing songs together.
- Spray shaving cream on the table and have the child write down either alphabet letters, math facts, or draw a picture using their fingers.
- Practice writing sentences (length depending on the grade level).
- Work on addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts.
- Kids could make slime to see how different materials work together. For this you will need glue and slime activator. There are also many websites online that offer various ways to create slime.



- Search science project ideas for different experiments.
 - Talk about the weather outside. This could be an opportunity for the child to understand more about how climate works.
 - Have the child practice telling time. Ask them what time it is at various moments throughout the day.
 - Watch educational YouTube videos. Parents make sure to monitor kids on YouTube.
 - Draw maps to help kids learn geography.
- Practice state capitals.
 - Watch or read history related topics or share history related facts with the child.
 - Practice spelling. Children can be given a “spelling test” to see what words they need to work on.
 - For parents wanting children to learn different languages, parents can have the child learn words, write in different sentences, or watch shows in different languages.

Additional Resources:

- **Sesame Street** <https://www.sesamestreet.org/>
 - **My Healthy Week** <https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/MyHealthyWeek.pdf>
 - Topic(s): **Staying Healthy** <https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/>
- **Scholastic** <https://Classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>
- **PBS Kids** <https://pbskids.org/>
- **ABC Mouse** <https://www.abcmouse.com/abt/homepage>
- **TIME for Kids** <https://www.timeforkids.com/>
- **National Geographic Kids** <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>