



Family Resources During Remote Learning

Colorado Department of Education Resources:

http://www.cde.state.co.us/learningathome?utm_source=The+Spark+e-Newsletter&utm_campaign=8c4005c23f-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_3_10_2020_11_54_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c0ba6418d1-8c4005c23f-102182269

Homework Help: ALL ABOUT THE NATIONAL HOMEWORK HOTLINE FOR BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS

<https://veroniiiica.com/2020/03/26/all-about-the-national-homework-hotline/>

Remote Learning Resources

- [Remote Learning Tips](#)
- [Survival Guide for Parents](#)
- [Families and Remote Learning](#)
- [Resources for Families During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)
- [Live with MI Low Incidence Outreach: BVI Resources for Parents and Families- April 1](#)
- [Information for Families of Individuals with Deaf-Blindness](#)
- [National Homework Hotline for Blind and Visually Impaired Students](#)
- Internet options:
 - If students don't have access to the internet they can call 1-844-488-8398
 - During the school shut down for free internet from Spectrum

Home Activities for Students with Visual Impairments

At-Home Resources for Families

- Includes resources for read alouds, art, virtual field trips, animals, movement, and STEM

Virtual Field Trips

- [Virtual Field Trip List](#)
- [12 Famous Museums Offer Virtual Tours](#)
- [20 Virtual Field Trips for Low Vision Learners](#)
- [Audio-described Videos of National Parks](#)

Objective Ed- <https://www.objectiveed.com/distance>

- *Free for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year*

Literacy- Print and Auditory

- [NASA Online Reading](#) (free)

- [Scholastic Learn at Home](#) (would need to be adapted)
- [Bookshare](#)- accessible online library for students with print disabilities, allows students to download books in a variety of formats; print, braille, and audio
- [Perkins Braille and Talking Book Library](#)- Free accessible books, newspapers and publications in braille, large print and digital audio formats
- [The National Library Service](#) at the Library of Congress- free braille and talking book library service
- [Remote Learning with Described and Captioned Media Program Accessible Videos](#)
- [StoryLine Online](#) - accessible stories/books ranging in grade levels
- [ePub Books for Younger Students](#) from Paths to Literacy
- <https://growingbookbybook.com/family-dinner-book-club/> Free Family Dinner Bookclub Share a great story, great art, great conversation and great food each month. A variety of picture books and chapter books chosen for your enjoyment. The project is perfect for children ages 4-8, but can easily be adapted for younger and older children.

Literacy- Braille

- [Tips and Tools for Teaching Beginning Braille Skills](#) from Paths to Literacy
- [K-2: Early Braille Literacy Activities](#) from Building on Patterns
 - These activities are appropriate for students who are learning letter identification, alphabetic contractions, strong contractions, and grade 1 braille words
- [Braille Challenge Practice Samples](#) from Braille Institute for older elementary braille readers
 - The samples are available as braille or word documents; the topics include braille speed & accuracy, spelling, proofreading, reading comprehension, and charts & graphs.
- [56 Tactile Math Ideas](#) from Paths to Literacy
 - For young students with visual impairments address early math skills and concepts by using hands-on exploration of real objects; skills and concepts include counting, matching, sorting, categorizing, attributes, ordering, patterns and number lines.

Deaf-Blindness

- [ASL eBooks and Resources for Deaf Kids](#)
- [Kids Stories in ASL](#)
- [Project Reach: Illinois Deaf-Blind Services on Facebook](#)

CVI:

- [CVI Videos](#)
- [Books for students in different CVI phases](#)
- [YouDoodle app to adapt pictures](#)

Assistive Technology

- Touch typing
 - [Typio Online](#), [Accessibyte](#)
 - *Free for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year*

- Articles: [Virtual Instruction: AccessiByte Apps](#), [Typio Online](#), [AccessiByte Online](#)
 - [Typing.com](#)- most appropriate for students with low vision
 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr> Dance mat from BBC
 - Humanware resources for students who use BrailleNote devices:
 - Live webinars on [Facebook](#) every T/Th starting 3/19/20
 - [Humanware support site](#)- video tutorials and documentation
 - [Touch commands](#) can improve their use of the device.
 - [Accessibility Features](#) on the iPad: iPads include many built in accessibility features for students with visual impairments including voiceover, zoom, font magnifier, speak screen, audio description, Siri, and display accommodations. Practicing [accessibility shortcuts](#) can maximize use of the device.
 - [Trivia and Educational Games on Alexa](#) (Including O&M Trivia)

Expanded Core Curriculum (general)

- <http://www.activelearningspace.org/index.php> Active Learning is an approach based on the work of Dr. Lilli Nielsen. It is not just a piece of equipment, such as a "Little Room" or a HOPSA dress, but rather it refers to a total approach for promoting the development of individuals with severe multiple disabilities. It contains an assessment, a curriculum, specifically-designed equipment, and instructional strategies that support learners to be active participants in their surroundings.
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- [Expanded Core Curriculum](#) Family Connect Site - Activities, Ideas, and Resources for Developing ECC Skills: What Parents Need to Know
- [Paths to Literacy](#)- hosting free virtual web classes on areas of the expanded core curriculum
- [Perkins' Elearning Site](#)- presentations on different techniques to assist children with visual impairments,
- [BeanStalk](#)- interactive educational children's content company for preschoolers and possibly those with significant support needs with free educational and how-to videos that support ECC learning.

Independent Living skills:

- [Mealtime skills](#) (pouring, serving, using utensils, and cutting)
- [Cooking and Kitchen Safety from Perkins Learning](#)
- [Hey! What's Cooking? A Kitchen Curriculum for the Parents of Visually Impaired Children](#)
- [Breaking Blind YouTube channel](#)
- If parents are home (or tech is available - be my eyes, etc.) or if safe to do independently, practice household chores such as laundry, dishes, preparing basic meals (sandwich, salad, etc.), take out garbage, brush teeth and other hygiene needs, clean home with cleaning products - use systematic cleaning techniques (spiral out or left to right/top down).

Social Skills:

- Some stay-at-home parents might be watching other children at their house to help out parents who are working. If this is the case, VI kids can practice social skills with these other children or with siblings by playing together, working on school work together, and taking leadership roles if they're responsible for watching other children.
- With TVI over video call, practice any related social skill that are appropriate.
- Practice sick safety ideas such as sneezing into your elbow, opening doors with kleenex or other barriers, cleaning surfaces before touching them, washing hands for a full 20 seconds (sing a song if needed to remember), etc.

Orientation and Mobility

- [Messy and Muddy](#): A Guide to Outdoor Play for Children with Visual Impairments from The Royal National Institute for Blind People
- [Ways for Families to Support O&M Progress](#)
- [O&M section of Paths to Literacy](#)
- <http://parentmobility.com/>