



# Milton Early Childhood Alliance

## FREE ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

[Start With a Book](#), a program of Reading Rockets provides books and related activities for reading and learning for children kindergarten through third grade.

[Books by The Bushel](#) is a website that offers free children's activities by the month. Click on "Free Stuff!" and scroll down to their monthly, seasonal, and themed activities. For children birth to five years old.

[Storyline Online](#) is a terrific free website featuring children's books read by celebrities. We would suggest beginning with Arnie the Doughnut by Laurie Keller and read by Chris O'Dowd. Each book comes with activities that can be done at home.

Our Story Walk® at Houghton's Pond is installed and ready to enjoy. A Story Walk is a children's book installed outdoors, in this case around the playground at Houghton's Pond. Get outside for a bit, take a walk, and read a story! Please keep in mind that you should not be meeting up with other families, need to follow the social distancing guidelines of keeping at least 6 feet away from non-family members, and your children should not use the playground structures. Look for a new Story Walk coming to the Trailside Museum in early April and Brookwood Community Farm coming in mid-April. These Story Walks will give you and your children a chance to get outside, take a pleasant walk, and enjoy a unique literacy experience.

[Scholastic Learn at Home](#) is a website offering free resources to families during school closures. Visit the site, choose the age range of your child (PreK through 6<sup>th</sup> grade), view a story, read a story with your child, and do an activity related to the story.

[Milton Public Library](#) has a wealth of online resources for families with children toddler age through high school. Click on "Youth" and drop down to "Cool Tools" or click on "Resources" and drop down to "e-resources" for their many options. At this time, the Library is closed but staffed and available for curbside holds pickup. Click on the "More Information" tab on their website's home page for details.

[Thomas Crane Public Library](#) Home Schooling Resources is a great website you can utilize while children are learning at home. Check out this section for children in grades kindergarten to 12, which includes databases and homework help as well. Click on their "Early Literacy" section if you have younger children.

[Blue Hills Reservation](#) has many child-friendly walking and hiking trails for families to enjoy. Just remember to observe the current social distancing guidelines, do not invite other families to join you, and bring snacks and water along for rest periods.

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[Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden](#) on Facebook offers a virtual field trip every weekday at 3:00 PM where they will highlight one of their amazing animals and include an activity that families can do from home.

[The San Diego Zoo](#) has live streams so you can watch pandas, baboons, penguins, polar bears, apes, koalas, giraffes, burrowing owls, elephants, tigers, and condors.

[National Park Service](#) allows you to explore some of our country's famous national parks through video footage from the National Parks Service. There are many videos on this site; just scroll down.

[Scholastic Learn at Home](#) features day-to-day projects to keep kids reading, thinking, and growing. For grades Preschool through 6+.

[Kids Activity Blog](#) is a website filled with many activities for you to do with your children while they are home.

[Lunch Doodles](#) with children's book author, Mo Willems, will feature episodes posted each weekday at 1:00 p.m. ET and then remain online to be streamed at your convenience.

[Read Aloud](#) with local children's book author, Peter Reynolds, each weekday at noon. Episodes will remain online on his Facebook page to be streamed at your convenience.

[The Children's Museum](#) offers hundreds of free educational activities on their affiliate site, Beyond The Chalkboard. Activities include science, literacy, culture, health, art, math, and more.

Take a virtual tour through some famous museums...

[Guggenheim Museum](#), New York

[National Gallery of Art](#), Washington, DC

[The J. Paul Getty Museum](#), Los Angeles

[British Museum](#), London

[Musée d'Orsay](#), Paris

[Van Gogh Museum](#), Amsterdam

[150+ Educational Shows to Stream on Netflix](#)

[100+ Educational Shows to Stream on Amazon Prime](#)

Join the [Atlantic White Shark Conservancy](#) on Facebook Live every weekday at 10:00AM for Shark Story Hour. Each story hour will include worksheets that can be completed at home.

[Historic New England](#) has created Families Ties Online Curriculum with resources and downloadable activities for children to use to learn how to explore and document their family history.

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[Harry The Dirty Dog](#) read by Betty White.

[PBS For Kids](#) features many educational games and videos for children.

[Highlights Kids](#) is a children's magazine that features a website filled with many learning activities for children.

[Peep and The Big Wide World](#) features many educational games and videos for children as well as a section for parents.

[The Boston Children's Museum](#) is helping you and your family have fun and stay safe with 100 ways to play at home.

[The New England Aquarium](#) feeds Myrtle the Turtle each morning on Facebook Live so your family can watch.

[The New England Aquarium](#) is also offering virtual visits, live presentations, new videos, and activities you can try from home.

[We Are Teachers'](#) website offers resources, activities, and read alouds for both younger and older children including a Principal's list of things to do while at home. Also available are podcasts for children in elementary, middle and high school.

[Reebok Foundation](#) is currently offering free virtual workouts for kids along with at home physical activity packs to keep kids moving while at home.

[Canadian Children's Writers and Illustrators](#) are reading their stories online. The list of videos will be updated regularly as they are submitted.

[Using Legos to teach math concepts](#) in a variety of ways is creative and engaging. There are 30 different ideas for all ages – beginning with learning numbers and counting and going all the way to fractions, money skills, and bar graphs.

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