

Paraeducator Practices Paraeducator Practices

A Newsletter for Paraeducators and Their
Teachers Educational Equity for All



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Paraeducator Symbol



*Just as the extra pair of wings
enables the dragonfly to
accomplish astounding
aeronautic gymnastics,
paraeducators have become the
extra pair of hands that allows
teachers to truly support and
MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR
EVERY STUDENT*

kidpower

Take Charge of Your Safety

Social-Emotional Safety Skills for All Ages

Kidpower prepares people of all ages and abilities to take charge of emotional and physical safety – during the pandemic and beyond.

Reduce fear and build confidence with skills for:

- advocacy
- conflict resolution
- boundary-setting and consent
- bullying and abuse prevention
- safety in public
- online safety

<https://www.kidpower.org/learn-online>

MYSTERYscience

Free, easy science for remote learning

To help educators during this time of coronavirus, we have pulled our most popular science lessons and are offering them for **anyone to use for free. No account or login is needed.** Copy and paste the links below into your documents and use them however they might be helpful! Mystery Science is the creator of the most popular science lessons in U.S. schools. We've curated this starter set of science lessons that you can use remotely or share with families. **If you need more lessons than what is listed below,** you can sign up for a free account:

[Teacher Sign-up for Full Lessons](#) | [Family Sign-up for Mini-Lessons](#)

All of the lessons below are expertly designed to engage students, achieve learning outcomes, and be easy for teachers to use. We have short mini-lessons that are completely digital and full lessons that include an activity. All of the activities are designed to use simple supplies that families will likely already have at home.

Jump to lessons for: [Kindergarten](#) | [1st Grade](#) | [2nd Grade](#) | [3rd Grade](#) | [4th Grade](#) | [5th Grade](#)

<https://mysteryscience.com/school-closure-planning?from=mysteryscience-landing-banner>

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..... Giving kids what they need to succeed.

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH

Free Distance Learning Resources for Educators

In response to school closures across the country, many companies are offering their services for free to educators who are teaching remotely this spring.

<https://www.adoptaclassroom.org/2020/04/12/6-free-distance-education-tools-during-covid-19>

Virtual Field Trips

San Diego Zoo

The [San Diego Zoo](#) has a website just for kids with amazing videos, activities, and games. Enjoy the tour!

Yellowstone National Park Virtual Field Trip

[Mud Volcano](#), [Mammoth Hot Springs](#), and so much more.

Tour [Yellowstone National Park!](#)

MARS!!!

[Explore the surface of Mars](#) on the Curiosity Rover.

They are updating from WEBVR to WEBXR now, but [360 Mode](#) offers a digital view!

Animal Cameras

[Live Cams at the San Diego Zoo](#)

[Monterey Bay Aquarium live cams](#)

[Panda Cam at Zoo Atlanta](#)

[6 Animal Cams at Houston Zoo](#)

[Georgia Aquarium](#) has [Jellyfish](#), [Beluga Whales](#), and [more](#)

Virtual Farm Tour

This Canadian site [FarmFood 360](#) offers

[11 Virtual Tours](#) of farms from minks, pigs, and cows, to apples and eggs.

U.S. Space and Rocket Museum in Huntsville, AL

See the [Saturn 5 Rocket](#) on [YouTube](#) and more on this tour thanks to a real father/son outing.

Discovery Education Virtual Field Trips

A few of the field trip topics include

[Polar Bears and the Tundra](#)

[Social Emotional Skills](#)

[STEM](#)

[Manufacturing](#)

The Louvre

Travel to Paris, France to see amazing works of art at [The Louvre](#) with this virtual field trip.

The Great Wall of China

This [Virtual Tour](#) of the [Great Wall of China](#) is beautiful and makes history come to life.

Boston Children's Museum

Walk through the [Boston Children's Museum](#) thanks to Google Maps! This virtual tour allows kids to explore 3 floors of fun.

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://hsd-ca.schoolloop.com/studentworkpackets>

https://www.popsugar.com/family/how-remote-learning-is-affecting-kids-with-special-needs-47455505?utm_source=47736&utm_medium=eBayenterprise&utm_campaign=affiliate

<https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/16656>

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SCHOOL SAFETY 101

School Safety 101 is an online-on demand professional development course designed for educators and parents.

Through videos, readings, and activities, this course explores the need for a proactive, educator-focused approach to school safety that is research-based, all hazards, and based in best practices. **School Safety 101**

will help you to shift the way you think about school safety

and what we all can do about it!

<https://eschoolsafety.org/online-pd>



The Nora Project's mission is to teach empathy by sparking friendships between students and their peers with disabilities. To achieve our mission, we focus on three fundamental goals:

- (1) Teaching students the beliefs and behaviors underlying the practice of empathy;
- (2) Creating fun, inclusive social experiences for students with disabilities; and
- (3) Building communities of kindness and support for students of all abilities.

The Nora Project offers a life cycle of programs for students in preschool through high school

<https://www.thenoraproject.ngo/our-story>