

# News Notes

A Newsletter for Teachers of Students with Significant  
Cognitive Disabilities  
Educational Equity for All



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This is a great resource for families and students. <https://www.friendshipcircle.org/virtual/>

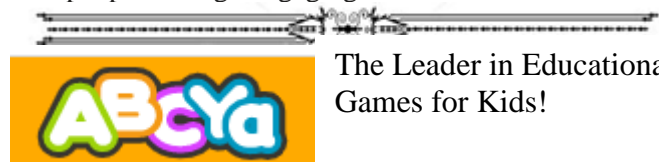
## VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

Through the current crisis Friendship Circle's goal continues to be supporting children, adults, and families. We have joined together with other Friendship Circles to develop virtual programming, FC Goes Virtual, to engage and connect with one another during this isolating time. The virtual programming includes, live virtual concerts, virtual cooking classes, virtual lego competitions, virtual daily thought classes, virtual family yoga, and more online activities. All programming will be shared via a Friendship Circle Facebook group.

Please join this group to stay up to date on our virtual programs: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/210303023392193/>

## INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS

Join our interactive programs and participate with people around the globe maintaining friendships and meeting new people through engaging and inclusive activities.



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<https://www.abcya.com/>

## Distance Learning for Special Education

Resources on this page are provided by educators and families from around the world. We are collaborating to support the needs of students with significant disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. These materials are open source and may be adapted to fit your child or student's need. They may not be used for purchase. We are updating this site often. Please email [distancelearning4sped@gmail.com](mailto:distancelearning4sped@gmail.com) if you have a resource to share that would support students with significant disabilities.



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<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/TpTSchoolAccess/Content/Coronavirus-Teachers>

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## FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH

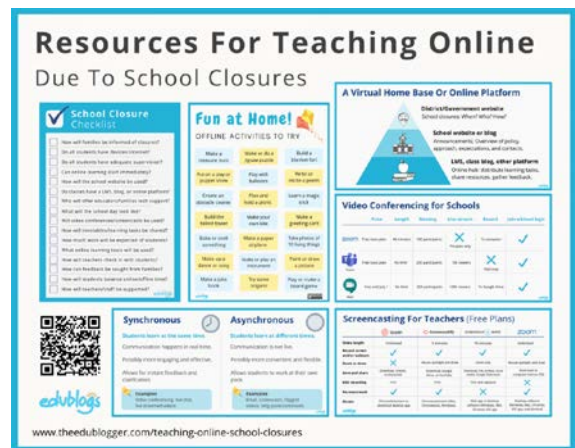


Free BrainPOP Access for Schools Closed Due to the Coronavirus. Recognizing the enormous impact this situation has on a school community, we are offering free, unlimited use of BrainPOP to any school, anywhere, that is closed due to the coronavirus during the period of their closure. [t.ly/nYfk](https://t.ly/nYfk)

Consider using BrainPOP's animated movies, assessment resources, and creative tools for: Distance learning, Support for projects and homework, Keeping students on track with their studies.

### 10 YouTube Channels for Early Learners

1. [The Learning Station](#) – The Learning Station has tons of fun, active videos for kids to sing along with!
  2. [Jack Hartmann](#) – With songs for counting, rhyming, the alphabet, and more – he has tons of fun videos to use with your children or students!
  3. [Brainzy Games by Education.com](#) – This channel also has more alphabet songs, shape songs, and sight word songs.
  4. [Super Simple Songs](#) – This channel is wonderful for preschoolers and my Kindergarteners LOVED it. There are many familiar songs on this channel, but with different twists and fun video. It definitely keeps their attention! Our favorite was [this playlist](#) that started with Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.
  5. [KidsTv123](#) – This channel has everything from the fun [Animal Sounds Song](#), to [Phonics Songs](#)!
  6. [Have Fun Teaching](#) – Have Fun Teaching has tons of videos for a variety of skills! This channel is great for 1st graders (and higher) too, especially for its [skip counting videos](#). This channel also has some great [science videos](#) that are fun to add to your collection!
  7. [Little Baby Bum](#) – While this name does sound a little funny and like it is a channel just for babies, I can assure you my Kindergarteners enjoyed some of these videos! This channel is especially great for [nursery rhymes](#)
  8. [Pancake Manor](#) – Pancake Manor is great for preschoolers – it has a ton of videos about shapes, colors, and familiar nursery rhymes! O
  9. [Maple Leaf Learning](#) – This is another channel that is great for preschoolers. It has many songs that focus on colors, foods, body parts, and more. I love the section of videos about [prepositions](#)!
  10. [Harry Kindergarten Music](#) – Harry Kindergarten is so fun, and certainly doesn't have to be just for Kindergarteners! His ["When You Add With A Pirate"](#) song is great for math, as well as ["Left and Right Robot"](#) for learning direction!
- YouTube for kids can be **fun and educational!**



<https://www.theedublogger.com/teaching-online-school-closures/>

## WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

- <https://www.vooks.com/teacher-appreciation>  
<https://bookcreator.com/2020/03/support-for-schools-affected-by-coronavirus/>  
<https://web.seesaw.me/>



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## EDUCATING ALL LEARNERS DURING THE COVID-19 DISASTER

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CONNECT TO RESOURCE LIBRARY

[Search the resource library.](#) Our experts have curated a list of credible and actionable resources paired with examples from the field of schools and teachers adapting ways of meeting student needs. Use the search function to find a resource or example quickly. If we're missing something you need, let us know - we'll use our alliance to find it or create it!

<https://www.educatingalllearners.org/>