

Special Education Remote Learning Resources

Welcome to the Bluewater District School Board Special Education Resource Page

Dear Families,

Next to the health and safety of our staff and students, the continuation of student learning is our top priority as we move into Phase 2 of the Learn at Home plan. We are moving slowly to implement our plan for our students. Staff are currently reaching out to families and we will continue to stay connected to monitor our plan and listen to our parents/guardians and students as we move forward. Staff are working together to create lessons to support our students. We are also providing some resources for you as parents and guardians that you may find helpful as you work with your child at home. These are voluntary. We know Learn at Home looks very different from the regular classroom and we are happy to work with you as we support our students in their learning.

To learn more about Phase 2 please see the [Q and A](#) link.

This site provides a variety of resources for our students receiving special education supports while they learn from home. These resources are not endorsed by Bluewater District School Board, however we thought you might find them useful as you work to support your child's learning. If you have any questions about these resources please contact the organization directly. When you and your child are using any online resources you should always consider privacy and digital citizenship and be cautious of providing personal information online.

Please be aware of the BWDSB policy with regard to the applications listed below by reading the following:

http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/director/Procedures/AP_2310-D.pdf

BWDSB thanks and recognizes Peel District School Board for the initial development of this index of resources.

Reading and Writing	Description	Website	Available as an App
Scholastic Learn At Home	Day-by-day projects to keep kids reading, thinking and growing	✓	
Teach Your Monster to Read	Help children learn to read with our free, award- winning reading and phonics game	✓	✓
My Story Book Maker	Create storybooks in movie and e-book format by adding drawings, photos, and stickers, and then record your voice on every page and share your story with others **You get 1 author and 2 books for free, and a sticker starter pack		✓
Our Story 2	Add text and sound to your digital pictures to make a story that can be read, printed, or sent to others		✓
Book Creator One	This app allows you to create one book, but unlock unlimited books (and comic templates) with the in-app purchase	Available through Chrome	✓
Starfall	This website/app includes fun activity lessons from letter recognition to reading full-length books, and students can also download swinging sing-alongs, including "Wheels on the Bus," for fine-motor coordination	✓	✓
Wonderopolis	A website where natural curiosity and imagination lead to exploration and discovery in learners of all ages, and each day, a question is asked - the Wonder of the Day® - explore it in a variety of ways	✓	
Tools to support reading and writing			
Read & Write for Google Chrome	Digital toolbar to support students with reading, writing, and research in google docs, slides and websites. From hearing documents read out loud to text prediction, picture dictionaries, highlighters and more, making	Chrome Extension	

	literacy tasks simpler, quicker and more accurate		
Clicker	Clicker is the complete writing solution for the elementary classroom, providing every student with just the right level of support and challenge	✓	
Visual & Motor Skills	Description	Website	Available as an App
HandWriting Heroes	Multisensory handwriting curriculum that teaches children how to form their letters through animations, stories and song	✓	✓
NitroType	Practice keyboarding skills in a fun game environment	✓	✓
Dance Mat Typing	Each stage builds on previous lessons, introducing new letters as you progress	✓	✓
Typing Club	Learn touch typing for free	✓	✓
GONoodle	Fun and creative ways to help get students moving	✓	✓
Draw and Tell	Draw or colour and then use the microphone to talk about your creation		✓
Relation Shapes	Visual, spatial, reasoning puzzle app		✓
Math (Visual/Spatial Skills) Reading and Writing	Description	Website	Available as an App
TVO mPower	A creative website featuring games that teach fundamental K-6 math skills. Designed and developed with the Ontario curriculum	✓	
TVO Mathify	Free math tutoring provided for students in Grades 6-10. Speech and text chat options	✓	

Mathies	Website designed for Ontario K-12 students, educators and parents/guardians. Includes games, activities, learning tools and home supports	✓	✓
Prodigy	A game based website that incorporates math into its game	✓	✓
Khan Academy	Free online site/app featuring lessons from different subject areas. Students progress through a variety of lessons and are then tested/assessed after each unit	✓	✓
The Math Learning Centre	Free math tools for students that include visuals for fractions and geometry	✓	✓
TVO Numberblocks	TVO video series where young children can learn how numbers work through play and song	✓	
Boddle Learning	Boddle is fully adaptive, self-paced, and tailors practice items and activities to the right level for each individual student	✓	
Banzai!	A resource to teach students financial literacy	✓	
Mathseeds	Mathseeds teaches kids aged 3-9 the core math and problem solving skills combining highly structured lessons with fun motivational elements that keep children engaged and keen to learn	✓	✓
University of Waterloo Centre for Mathematics and Computing	Centre for Education in Mathematics. Lessons, interactive activities, enrichments activities, and opportunity for practice with feedback	✓	
Problem of the Week	University of Waterloo weekly math problems. Starts at grades 3 and 4. Includes prior problems and solutions	✓	

NRICH	Mathematical problems to build reasoning and critical thinking	✓	
Memory	Description	Website	Available as an App
Memory Games for Kids	A collection of free online games to improve memory skills for elementary students.	✓	
Problem Solving Skills (Processing Skills)	Description	Website	Available as an App
CEMC at home (University of Waterloo)	A collection of word problems and real-world math activities	✓	
Figure This! Math Challenges for Families	A collection of interesting real-world math problem solving questions	✓	
code.org	Learn to code at Code.org	✓	
Tynker	Visual drag and drop coding to learn the fundamentals of programming	✓	✓
Mystery Animal	See if you can guess the mystery animal in 20 yes/no answer questions	✓	
Code Monster	Intro to coding Java with step by step instructions	✓	
Attention – Executive Functioning	Description	Website	Available as an App
Arcademic	Boost student engagement & fact fluency with our free multiplayer educational games, math games, language arts games	✓	
ABCYA	ABCYA provides over 400 fun and educational games for grades PreK through 6	✓	
Enhancing and Practicing Executive Function Skills with Children from Infancy to Adolescence	Executive function and self-regulation skills provide critical supports for learning and development. Just as an air traffic control system at a busy airport	✓	

	manages the arrivals and departures of many aircraft on multiple runways, executive function skills allow us to retain and work with information in our brains, focus our attention, filter distractions, and switch mental gears. This is a pdf resource from Harvard University.		
Knoword	Knoword is a fast-paced word game that challenges your vocabulary, test your typing skills, and stimulates your mind.	✓	
Quick, Draw!	Help teach it by adding your drawings to the world's largest doodling data set	✓	
Draw a Stickman	Draw a Stickman 3D space in your own living room using your unlimited creativity	✓	✓
Free Rice	As you play Free Rice and answer questions right, and help change lives	✓	
Toy Theatre	Toy Theater is a collection of interactive educational games for your elementary classroom	✓	
Organization	Description	Website	Available as an App
Online Stopwatch/Timers	Set timers or time limits for your child while performing different work activities to keep them focused	✓	✓
Microsoft OneNote	The digital note-taking app for your devices: notebooks you can divide into sections and pages and so much more	✓	✓
Microsoft Office Lens	Office Lens trims, enhances, and makes pictures and documents readable. Use Office Lens to convert images to PDF	✓	✓
Mindomo	Create mind maps, concept maps, outlines and charts to improve your thinking and learning	✓	✓

Popplet Lite	Organize your ideas with mind maps, easy to take photos or to add images/visuals (free app for tablet or log in on a pc)	✓	✓
Self-Regulation	Description	Website	Available as an App
Calm.com	While this app features guided meditations for all ages, creators incorporated a kid space because meditation can help kids focus on being kids. This freedom allows kids to develop their focusing skills and self-awareness, while relieving anxieties and reducing stress. With short, animated instructional videos, kids can choose from short guided and unguided sessions (3-minutes long) categorized by types of feelings. Older kids (5 and up) may want to visit the sections outside the kids area. I know mine do!	✓	✓
info@childmind.org	Child Mind Institute has parent/teacher guides, supporting children with autism and the coronavirus, a social story about Covid19, etc.	✓	
Cosmic Kids	Yoga, mindfulness and relaxation designed especially for kids aged 3+, used in schools and homes all over the world	✓	✓
This is Sand	Unique playground for creating and sharing sandscapes	✓	✓
Neon Flames	Calming tool to draw your own nebula	✓	
Google Mix Lab	Make music using voice commands	✓	
Chrome Music Lab	Create songs using song maker, rhythm, spectrogram, voice-spinner, Kandinsky, and oscillators	✓	

Auto Draw	Fast drawing for everyone	✓	
Symmetry Artist	Mathematics and Art come together	✓	
Weave Silk	Interactive generative art	✓	
Control the Weather	Change the weather	✓	
We Do Listen	Social skills stories for younger children	✓	
Breathe, Think, Do with Sesame	Help a character work through frustrating situations	✓	✓
Smiling Mind	There are various 'programs' you can do with specific kid targeted ones like, Sleep for Kids, 3-6 year olds, 7-9 year olds, 10-12 year olds, etc. Mindfully Back to School (for parents, teachers, students transitioning back to school), Sleep for Teens, Study, Mindfulness for Teachers, there are also school-programs for teachers to run with their kids (e.g. complete and ready to go lesson plans by grade).		✓
Anxiety Canada	Has sections for specific age groups with info, resources, activities, etc. all in one website	✓	
Visual Supports (i.e. scheduling, pictures for learning)			
https://connectability.ca/en/	Connectability is a free website with lots of free resources. Under the "kids" section, there is a visuals engine where you can make your own visuals using clipart or personal photographs.	✓	

Speech and Language	Description	Website	Available as an App
Oral Language Milestones from Birth to 8 Years https://hearingfirst.org/-/media/files/downloadables/hf-milestones-09062017.pdf	General guidelines for hearing/auditory, cognitive, speech (sound production) and language (listening, understanding and using words) development. Most children will demonstrate these skills within six months of the times listed.	✓	
Phonological Awareness Milestones https://blog.maketaketeach.com/free-handout-developmental-sequence-of-phonological-awareness-skills/	Teaching phonological and phonemic awareness skills is a critical component in becoming a proficient reader and writer. Understanding the sequence of phonological/phonemic development and the approximate ages of mastery helps us to know which skills to emphasize in our instruction.	✓	
Handy Handouts by Super Duper Publications http://handyhandouts.com/	General parent and teacher handouts that support development of oral language skills	✓	

Additionally – here is a link to [MCCSS – Special Services COVID-19](#)