

“I’m Bored” (Just in time for Golden Week!):

Recommended Resources for Online Continuity of Student Learning During COVID-19

“I’m bored”!! Are you hearing this in your household?? It’s a particularly challenging time to continue schooling at home while we all do our part to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. There are certainly plenty of “stuff” to keep children busy on the Internet, but are they educational? I have compiled some educator-approved sites, mostly, if not all, with Canadian content. Perhaps, the list is BC biased... after all, my school is a BC Ministry Offshore School here in Tokyo! Since the parents of younger children have called out for help the loudest, the online resources below are primarily for elementary school students, but you’ll find plenty of resources for secondary school students on the websites, too. Enjoy teaching and learning together with your children!!

Top recommendations:

These sites have further links to many, many, useful sites.

Open School

<https://openschool.bc.ca/keeplearning/>

Focused Education Resources

<https://bcerac.ca/>

TeachBC

<https://teachbc.bctf.ca/>

UBC

<https://geeringup.apsc.ubc.ca/online-resources-for-kids-during-covid-19/>

Digital literacy:

BC Ministry of Education

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/bulletin/20191230/oipc-digital-privacy-resources.pdf>

Safer Schools

<https://saferschoolstogether.com/resources/parent-resources/>

Suggested activities by various school districts:

Why these districts? Because I’ve worked in these districts!

SD 73 (you can go on virtual tour of museums, etc)

<https://www.sd73.bc.ca/en/community-parents-and-students/parent-resource-page.aspx>

SD 68

<https://learningathome.sd68.bc.ca/>

SD 34

<https://www.abbyschools.ca/sites/default/files/Suggested%20Activities%20for%20Elementary%20Students.pdf>

Additional recommendations:

The following sites are fee-based services, but used in many BC schools. I have also included websites of educators that I highly respect, and resourceful pages developed by some school districts— they have some free downloads.

Various Topics:

Go over this site carefully as there are many links to “game-like” learning sites. Many have free access or “samples”...

<https://www.abbyschools.ca/node/9140>

Numeracy:

Mathletics

https://www.mathletics.com/asia/?gclid=Cj0KCCQjw7qn1BRDqARIsAKMbHDZ9Ui4qXw9dai5vMEnfY1TNXZT20T0DMWs2ZsxGiJ0oGpfHDeKL5IQaArPXEALw_wcB

Carol Fullerton

<https://mindfull.ecwid.com/>

Literacy:

Raz-Kids

<https://www.raz-kids.com/>

LesPlan

<https://www.lesplan.com/en/publications/what-world>

Adrienne Gear

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

First Nations/Aboriginal:

SD 60 (some of the stories can be downloaded)

https://www.prn.bc.ca/curric/?page_id=152

A bit dated but...

https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/DAM/DAM-INTER-HQ/STAGING/texte-text/ach_lr_ks_rrds_fnpc_1302786002220_eng.pdf

Diversity:

<http://teach4diversity.ca/>

<https://www.bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/Public/SocialJustice/Issues/Antiracism/AntiracismAnnotatedBibliography.pdf>

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