



# OCDSB Learn at Home

## OCDSB Special Education Resources

- (1) To support student learning over the next few weeks, the Ministry of Education has created a website. Click [here](#) to access the Ministry website which has K-12 resources to support online learning. In addition, the OCDSB, Program and Learning (PAL) department has provided a variety of resources to support families and students please click [here](#).
- (2) Learning Support Services (LSS) has provided a variety of resources below for parents/guardians to review with the goal of supporting individual learners. We have organized our links and resources into a table of contents. Please click on the area of interest and it will link you directly to that section of our resource list.
- (3) Third-Party Resources: If parents/guardians choose to use any of the third party resources listed in the chart below, they are encouraged to review each application that their child is using to ensure they are comfortable with the privacy and security settings outlined in the user agreement.

## Reading and Writing

Reading and Writing	Description	Primary / Junior (K - 6)	Intermediate (Gr. 7-8)	Secondary (Grade 9 to 12)
<a href="#">Reading A-Z</a>	Thousands of downloadable, projectable, printable teacher materials, covering all the skills necessary for effective reading instruction.			
<a href="#">Starfall Education: Kids Games, Movies, &amp; Books K-3</a>	The program emphasizes exploration, play, and positive reinforcement—encouraging children to become confident and intrinsically motivated. Starfall is an educational alternative to other entertainment choices for children and is especially effective for special education, homeschooling, and English language development (ELD, ELL, ESL).			
<a href="#">TumbleBook Library</a>	Collection of online books created by adding animation, sound, music and narration to existing picture books from major children's book publishers and designed to develop a love of reading in children. You will need an Ottawa Public Library account/card to access. <a href="#">*The library is offering temporary online cards.</a>			

<a href="#">Renzulli Learning</a>	Renzulli Learning is an interactive online system that provides a personalized learning environment for students and supports the development of 21st Century Learning Skills for all students.			
<a href="#">Tar Heel Reader</a>	Tar Heel Reader is a collection of free, easy-to-read, and accessible books on a wide range of topics. Each book can be speech enabled and accessed using multiple interfaces, including touch screens, the IntelliKeys with custom overlays, and 1 to 3 switches. It is also a writing tool to create your own stories. It was developed by the Center for Literacy and Disability Studies and the department of Computer Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.			
<a href="#">Typing Club</a>	Learn touch typing for free.			
<a href="#">Epic</a>	Digital library for students 12 and under - includes print and audio books. Free for 30 days.			
<a href="#">Lalilo</a>	Phonics and comprehension program.			
<a href="#">Teach Your Monster to Read</a>	Covers everything from letters and sounds to reading full sentences.			
<a href="#">Mindomo</a>	Mindomo is a graphic organizer that allows students to organize their ideas before starting writing assignments. Students can Sign In With Google using their OCDSB login and password.			
<a href="#">CBC Kids News</a>	News site run by CBC with stories written for kids and by kids.			
<a href="#">1Jour1Actu</a>	News site from France with stories written for kids.			
<a href="#">Tween Tribune</a>	From the Smithsonian, this site publishes articles on explaining the science and history behind the news. It has a tool that lets you adjust the reading level of the articles to four set lexile levels.			
<a href="#">Unite for Literacy</a>	Free digital picture books offered by Unite for Literacy. Narration can be turned off and on.			
<a href="#">Sesame Street Communities</a>	A wide array of games, activities and videos presented by the Sesame Street cast.			

<a href="#">Story Online</a>	Storyline Online, streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations. Storyline Online is available 24 hours a day for children, parents, caregivers and educators worldwide.			
<a href="#">Scholastic Learn At Home</a>	Scholastic is offering their lessons for free. You can choose activities from grade levels between PreK and 6+. These include e-books kids can read along with, and educational videos under their "Watch and learn Library."			
<a href="#">Audible</a>	From kindergarten to highschool, stories for students to stream and listen to. Free while schools are closed. Available in 6 languages.			
<a href="#">Circle round</a>	Circle Round adapts carefully-selected folktales from around the world into sound and music-rich radio plays for kids ages 4 to 10.			
<a href="#">LD@school</a> <a href="#">LD@home</a>	Free resources offered through the Learning Disabilities of Ontario (LDAO).			
<a href="#">Symbol World</a>	Provides visual symbols to read articles, complete science projects, understand emotions and to conduct everyday tasks such as following a recipe.			
<a href="#">Jarret Lerner</a>	Provides templates for kids who like to tell stories through drawing and cartooning. Some templates have cartoon starters.			
<a href="#">Reading Eggs</a>	Free for parents for 30 days - online reading program for kids aged 2 to 13.			
<a href="#">Bookbuilder</a>	Free until May 31 - create books of your own.			

## Mathematics

Mathematics	Description	Primary / Junior (K - 6)	Intermediate (Gr. 7-8)	Secondary (Grade 9 to 12)
<a href="#">IXL</a>	IXL is personalized learning with a comprehensive curriculum for junior kindergarten to grade 12.			
<a href="#">khanacademy</a>	Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom.			

<a href="#">University of Waterloo Centre for Mathematics and Computing</a>	Centre in education for mathematics. Lessons, interactive activities, enrichment activities and opportunity for practice with feedback.			
<a href="#">Problem of the Week</a>	University of Waterloo weekly math problems Starts in Grade 3 and includes prior problems and solutions.			
<a href="#">NRich</a>	Resources to build mathematical reasoning and problem solving skills.			
<a href="#">Studyladder</a>	Mathematics, English, Science and more! A comprehensive program of online educational activities for students aged 4 to 12, mapped to the curriculum.			
<a href="#">Prodigy: Math Learning Platform</a>	Easily motivate 1st to 8th grade students to learn and practice math. Accessible at home or in class!			
<a href="#">Ottawa Public Library</a>	Ottawa Public Library is offering temporary online library cards to access Tumblemath.			
<a href="#">E-learning for Kids</a>	Interactive math activities for kindergarten to grade 6. This may be challenging for students who have difficulty using a mouse.			
<a href="#">Thoughtco.com</a>	Games to Support Students with Disabilities; also try <a href="#">6 Methods for Teaching Money Counting Skills</a> and <a href="#">9 Creative Ideas for Teaching Time</a>			
<a href="#">BrainPOP</a>	BrainPOP places an emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subject matter. It also offers activities for younger and ELL learners. Free access during school closures.			

## Gross Motor / Fine Motor / Sensory

Gross Motor / Fine Motor / Sensory	Description	Primary / Junior (K - 6)	Intermediate (Gr. 7-8)	Secondary (Grade 9 to 12)
<a href="#">Go Noodle</a>	Engages kids with movement and mindfulness videos created by child development experts.			

<a href="#">Learning Without Tears</a>	Bring student workbooks to life with the Handwriting Interactive Teaching Tool. This no prep, comprehensive approach to teaching includes digital letter formations, teaching videos, and fun animations your children will love.			
<a href="#">Helping Kidz Learn</a>	Accessible learning activities which cater for a wide range of users with severe and complex needs, learning disabilities and are accessible by mouse and keyboard, one or two switches, touch and eye gaze.			
<a href="#">Playsport</a>	PlaySport helps children and youth develop an understanding of the skills and strategies associated with playing a wide range of physical activities and sports.			
<a href="#">Sensory and regulation support</a>	This resource supports parents in developing routines, habits and a better understanding of implementing sensory input into a daily schedule. These strategies include movement, deep pressure, calming activities, videos, practical tips, common challenges and possible solutions.			
<a href="#">Fundamental movement guide</a>	Age-specific activities for developing foundational movements: balance, hopping, locomotion, falling, dodging, galloping, rolling, object manipulation, dribbling, kicking, throwing.			
<a href="#">Physical activity guide</a>	Videos, activities, guides to physical activity.			
<a href="#">Fine motor activities and tools</a>	Activities, worksheets, ideas for fine motor development.			
<a href="#">Printable letter boards</a>	Templates for creating visual cues for letter formations.			
<a href="#">Animal Matching</a> <a href="#">Letter matching A-M</a> <a href="#">Letter matching L-Z</a>	Worksheet for visual motor integration, matching like animals, motor coordination, letter matching, upper and lowercase matching.			
<a href="#">Cutting and colouring</a>	Cutting and colouring and beyond- Browse website for activity ideas, worksheets, inspiration, list of required materials, and additional age/grade specific guide.			
<a href="#">At home Programs for children with Autism</a>	Activities for children and youth with autism. Resources include education tools, at home sensory/leisure activities, virtual museums, social narratives, self-care resources.			

<a href="#">No Time for Flashcards</a>	Lots of hands on activities to develop literacy and numeracy with materials readily available around the house.			
<a href="#">The OT toolbox</a>	Provides resources, tools, ideas, and activities geared toward the healthy development of kids.			
<a href="#">Therapy street for kids</a>	Therapeutic activities broken down by skill area. Includes information and activities for fine motor strengthening, finger isolation, handwriting, crossing midline, upper body strength, pre-writing skills, scissor skills, self-help skills, sensory strategies, etc.			

## Life Skills / Personal Care Skills

Life Skills / Personal Care Skills	Description	Primary / Junior (K - 6)	Intermediate (Gr. 7-8)	Secondary (Grade 9 to 12)
<a href="#">Life skills tutorials</a>	Interactive everyday life activities to develop life skills (including food and cooking, health and safety, around town, etc.).			
<a href="#">Hand Washing</a> <a href="#">Hand washing social story</a>	Provides times, situations and instances hand washing is required and basic steps for completion.			
<a href="#">Self-care Tracking Schedule</a>	Weekly schedule for tracking self-care task completion.			
<a href="#">Healthy eating and well-being</a>	Guide to making healthy food choices, healthy eating, hunger and thirst cues.			
<a href="#">Interactive nutrition games</a>	Nourish Interactive is your free one stop resource for fun nutrition games for kids, interactive nutrition tools and tips for parents and health educators to use to promote healthy living.			

## Communication Skills

Communication Skills	Description	Nonverbal/ minimally-verbal	Verbal	Focus on Executive Functions
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<a href="#">Aided Language Stimulation Explained</a>	A video to show the importance of using your child's alternative communication system when you communicate with them every day.			
<a href="#">Aided Language Stimulation Boards - Core Word Vocabulary Board</a>	A video to show an example of how you can use picture communication to engage in a activity with your child.			
<a href="#">Tips for Reading with Your Child</a>	A quick video on how you can read to your child to boost their language skills			
<a href="#">Modeling Language</a>	A quick video on how you can model language to your child during everyday activities.			
<a href="#">Parent Articulation Training Program Video</a> <a href="#">Brochure</a>	A video to show how you can support your child with mild speech sound difficulties at home.			
<a href="#">Hanen -Literacy at Home</a>	Website link for tips to build your child's critical thinking, vocabulary, and print knowledge as well as additional resources.			
<a href="#">Hanen - Tips for Parents</a>	Website link with detailed tips for different levels of communicators: those who communicate without words, those who have just started talking and those who are talking in sentences.			
<a href="#">Supporting Communication At Home</a>	Handouts for families with strategies to support communication, the use of Picture Communication at home, and vocabulary to model.			
<a href="#">Parent Activities for Core Vocabulary</a>	Handouts for families to model and practice selected Core Vocabulary with attached Picture Communication Symbols ( <i>MORE, FINISHED, STOP, GO, HELP</i> ).			
<a href="#">Technology Tools Supporting Executive Functions</a>	A simple chart to show you what types of tools can help your child with study skills (e.g., getting organized, managing their time, planning and organizing). You may not have access to the tools, but it will give you an idea of what tools can help.			

<a href="#">Learning Works for Kids: Executive Functions</a>	Website with information on executive functions along with apps and games for a wide age-range of children.			
<a href="#">Communication Games</a>	39 communication games for kids, teens, and students.			
<a href="#">Keep AAC germ free during the coronavirus</a>	Support for hygiene of AAC equipment and considerations.			
<a href="#">Language opportunities for using AAC at home</a>	Strategies for continued focus on the development of communication skills, use of Augmentative communication.			
<a href="#">Personal Space</a>	Social stories to support understanding and coping with difficulty with personal space.			
<a href="#">Autism Ontario</a>	A list of resources to help through COVID-19.			
<a href="#">Practical Resources - AAC</a>	Practical resources in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.			

## Social Skills

Social Skills	Description	Primary / Junior (K - 6)	Intermediate (Gr. 7-8)	Secondary (Grade 9 to 12)
<a href="#">Social Development   Sesame Street</a>	Social development videos featuring Sesame Street characters.			
<a href="#">Do2Learn: Educational Resources for Special Needs</a>	<b>Do2learn</b> provides thousands of free pages with social skills and behavioral regulation activities and guidance, visual supports/ schedules, learning songs and games, communication cards, academic material, and transition guides for employment and life skills.			
<a href="#">PBS Kids- Games for Developing Social Emotional Awareness</a>	Family friendly website where users can select games and stories to build emotions, self-awareness, social skills, and character.			



<a href="#">Be Like Buddy</a>	Sensory-friendly family activities and social skills videos.			
<a href="#">Social Stories</a>	Free social stories to teach kids about one specific event, topic, or social skill.			
<a href="#">Effective Communication - Improve Social Skills</a>	Free resources to improve social skills across multiple areas.			
<a href="#">The Social Express</a>	Free until June 1st. Animated, interactive videos that help students learn and practice skills needed to develop meaningful relationships and navigate different social situations.			
<a href="#">Thomas the Tank Engine</a>	Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends: When it comes to teaching emotions and problem solving. These activities are designed to bring the life lessons from Thomas stories into their everyday.			

## Self-Regulation

Self-Regulation	Description	Primary / Junior (K - 6)	Intermediate (Gr. 7-8)	Secondary (Grade 9 to 12)
<a href="#">Mindmasters2</a>	Developed by CHEO, this program helps to teach children about stress control, positive thinking and imagery and mindfulness through a series of fun and interactive activities.			
<a href="#">The Learning Station</a>	Interactive music and movement videos to give your brain a break and get your body moving.			
<a href="#">Childhood101-Breathing Exercises</a>	8 printable cards to teach deep breathing exercises.			
<a href="#">Smiling Minds</a>	A meditation program developed by psychologists and educators to help bring mindfulness into your life.			
<a href="#">Cosmic Kids</a>	Yoga, mindfulness and relaxation designed specially for kids aged 3+, used in schools and homes all over the world.			
<a href="#">Go Noodle</a>	Engages kids with movement and mindfulness videos created by child development experts.			

<a href="#">Sensory Timers</a>	Fun, colourful visual timers.			
<a href="#">Mindfulness for Teens</a>	This website provides mindfulness information, tools and resources for teens to support stress management. It can be found as a resource in CHEO: Resources and Support.			
<a href="#">Special Olympics Ontario</a>	Weekly wellness calendar. Live virtual events and workouts.			
<a href="#">Geneva Centre for Autism</a>	A compilation of various visual supports.			
<a href="#">Lunch Doodles</a>	Free doodle drawing with author Mo Willems.			






## Blind / Low Vision

Blind / Low Vision	Description	Primary / Junior (K - 6)	Intermediate (Gr. 7-8)	Secondary (Grade 9 to 12)
<a href="#">Family Connect</a>	Tips and Tricks for families to support B/LV children.			
<a href="#">Scholastic Learn from Home</a>	Accessible stories with follow-up activities.			
<a href="#">Sites for Families to use while School is Closed</a>	Several sites per subject for families to find ideas to learn at home, including screen-free activities.			
<a href="#">Yoga Videos</a>	Work on body and directional concepts through yoga.			
<a href="#">Audible Stories</a>	Free audible books while schools are closed.			
<a href="#">Boukili</a>	French Stories that are accessible for B/LV students.			







<a href="#">Math</a>	List of Math resources and activities for B/LV students to use at home.			
<a href="#">Zoomtext &amp; Jaws Software</a>	Magnification and Screen Reading software are free during school closures.			
<a href="#">iOS Manual</a>	Learn VoiceOver on iPads - free download.			
<a href="#">Accessible Media Inc.</a>	Accessible News, Videos, etc. for all needs.			

## Deaf / Hard-of-Hearing

Deaf / Hard-of-Hearing	Description	Primary / Junior (K - 6)	Intermediate (Gr. 7-8)	Secondary (Grade 9 to 12)
General Tips <a href="#">Keeping Your Child Listening and Learning at Home</a>	Key ideas and tips for parents when working at home to continue listening and learning.			
Speech <a href="#">Short Home Speech Activities</a>	Engaging, 5-minute activities to reinforce speech practice using items at home.			
Oral Language <a href="#">Making Experience Books</a>	Making a scrapbook is a great way to expand language, describing experiences (ex. making dinner).			
Vocabulary a) <a href="#">VocAB Scenes</a> b) <a href="#">VocabularyPlay</a>	a) Learn new words using fun pictures showing familiar places. b) Look up and discover new vocabulary words in a fun way.			
Listening <a href="#">Identifying Sounds Around Us</a>	Pictures and sounds to practice identifying common environmental items (eg. cat, bus, etc).			
Listening <a href="#">Giving &amp; Following Directions</a>	How to use barrier games to expand listening skills.			
ASL Skills <a href="#">Lesson Resources</a>	ASL Language and Literacy Development.			

ASL Skills <a href="#">Accessible Materials Project</a>	100 popular children's books, read in ASL featuring fables, poems, and math concepts in ASL.			
ASL Skills <a href="#">WeSign</a>	Easy ASL words and phrases for parents to communicate with their child.			

## Assistive Technology

Assistive Technology	Description	Primary / Junior (K - 6)	Intermediate (Gr. 7-8)	Secondary (Grade 9 to 12)
<a href="#">OCDSB Assistive Technology</a>	A variety of tips and helpful 'how to videos' for students, parents and teachers.			
<a href="#">EquatIO</a>	This Chrome extension works with Google Suite to allow students to complete their math digitally. The mathspace within the extension allows for virtual manipulatives. It also works with PDFs. OCDSB has purchased a subscription for every staff and student. They must be logged into Chrome with their OCDSB account.			
<a href="#">Read and Write for Google</a> <a href="#">Read and Write for Google Quick Reference Guide</a> <a href="#">Research Guide</a>	This Chrome extension allows students to use tools such as dictation and prediction, to help with their writing. The extension allows users to have text from webpages read back to them. The OCDSB has a subscription to this extension and all users must be logged into Chrome with their OCDSB account for full version. You can leverage the power of this tool to create perfect bibliographic referencing in seconds for all research	