



BIG IDEAS WEEKLY

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton and Hamilton will now be sending you a weekly newsletter promoting some ideas that may help to keep our Bigs and Littles connected. We would encourage all friendships to submit their own ideas and stories of their attempts at virtual fun, so that other friendships may also benefit from them.

VIRTUAL FUN

In these challenging times, we want to take a minute to remind you that your mentees still need you, probably now more than ever.



The reality of our situation, coupled with the news coming from all part of the world, and the isolation that we find ourselves in, means that human connection, support and fun are more important than ever. We encourage you to continue to connect weekly with your Little Brother or Little Sister and to continue to explore new ways to have fun despite social distancing.

MAGIC EYE

Go online at www.magiceye.com, under 3D fun, click image of the week. There are about 13 of them. Challenge each other to see who can find the most hidden images. Be sure to make a list of the hidden images you find to compare with one another.



MAD LIBS: A STORY THAT YOU CREATE TOGETHER

The first person goes through the story (without reading it out loud) asking the second person to fill in the blank (the only clue they get is adjective, noun or verb). Once all the blanks have been filled out, the first person reads the second person the story they helped to create. You can use a ready-made one, or take turns creating your own.

See next page for a Mad Lib to get you started ...



VIRTUAL CALLS



A VACATION MAD LIB

A vacation is when you take a trip to some _____ place with your _____

Adjective

adjective

family. Usually you go to some place that is near a/an _____ or up on

noun

a/an _____. A good vacation place is one where you can ride _____

noun

plural noun

or play _____ or go hunting for _____. I like to spend my time

game

plural noun

_____ or _____. When parents go on a vacation, they

Verb ending in 'ing'

verb ending 'ing'

spend their time eating three _____ a day, and fathers play golf, and mothers sit around

plural noun

_____. Last summer, my little brother fell in a/an _____ and got

Verb ending in 'ing'

noun

poison _____ all over his _____. My family is going to go to (the)

plant

part of the body

_____, and I will practice _____. Parents need vacations more

A place

verb ending in 'ing'

than kids because parents are always very _____ and because they have to

Adjective

work _____ hours every day all year making enough _____ to pay for the

number

plural noun

vacation.

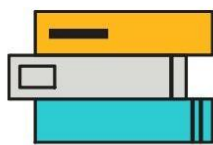
PLAY GAMES

You can play online games against each other. Check out the App Store for fun game including Words With Friends (scrabble), Boggle, Quiz Cross and Trivia Crack.



CREATE A STORY TOGETHER

You can take turns line by line or paragraph by paragraph.



GOOD NEWS STORY CHALLENGE

Challenge each other to find a good news story. Each person can look through the internet, newspaper, magazine or watch the television news and tell the other about three good news stories, or, make up some good news stories to share with one another.



ONLINE ART

Create art projects online to send to one another or try an online art class. Check out @carsonellis and participate in the Quarantine Art Club, every day there will be a different drawing to try. Make sure you have a paper and pencils (and maybe an eraser) ready. You can both do the class and compare your final results.

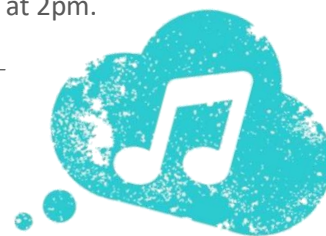


LISTEN TO A STORY

Starting on Monday March 23rd, Oliver Jeffers will be reading one of his books each day. His writing style is simple with beautiful messages about loyalty, friendship and adventure, perfect whether you are 3 or 30 years of age. Check him out on Instagram @oliverjeffers, every day at 2pm.

PODCAST TOGETHER

Choose podcasts to listen to, and then discuss your thoughts on them. Some great FREE podcasts include:



This American Life: This podcast picks a theme each week and comes up with stories that fit with it. The show shifts in tone from heartbreaking to hilarious, often within the same episode.

Stuff You Should Know: Two pals, Josh and Chuck, solve mysteries like 'can you control your dreams.' They make things so easy to grasp that even learning about the technical stuff is a treat.

Too Beautiful to Live: Weekdays, the hipster podcast serves up the latest pop culture news.

The Moth: Great, often hilarious, stories read in front of a live audience by anyone with a true story to tell, including celebs.

The Sound of Young America: Get into the minds of young comedians, actors and musicians as they are interviewed by Jesse Thorn. It is a great way to discover up and coming performers who are often just on the brink of getting famous.

RadioLab: Easily the most mind-blowing free podcast out there. RadioLab explores broad topics, like sleep, race and laughter, with shocking stories from scientists and laypeople.

