



**Parent Resources**  
**Grade 6-8**  
Week 5

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ELA	<p>Choose a book with your child. Read the same book or a chapter of the book every day this week. Repetition will help your student develop vocabulary, comprehension, sequencing, concept knowledge, and critical thinking skills. Each day choose activities from the list below. (The activities below can be done each week with a different book or chapter of the book.)</p>
	<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify 3-6 vocabulary words in the book or chapter to discuss with your child</li> <li>• Ask basic comprehension questions about the book/chapter (who, what, where, why, and how questions) or ask your child to identify characters or items in the pictures.</li> <li>• A journal activity has been included below for your child. Encourage your child to participate to the best of their ability. Your child can respond to the journal prompt with a verbal response, written response, drawing a picture, or with cut out pictures from a magazine.</li> <li>• Have your child create a scene from the book/chapter. He/she can use crayons, markers, pictures from a magazine, objects, etc.</li> <li>• Sequence the events in the story (beginning, middle, end) by a verbal response, written response, or pictures (drawn or cut out).</li> <li>• Create sentences using the vocabulary words. Using pictures (drawn or cut out) to support the sentence.</li> <li>• Have your child create a picture/painting of his/her favorite character in the book/chapter.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Journal Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the main idea of the book/chapter</li> <li>• Write three interview questions for a character in the book.</li> <li>• Who is your child's favorite character and why?</li> <li>• If you could talk to the author, what questions would you ask him/her?</li> <li>• What is your favorite book and why?</li> <li>• If you could write a book what would it be about? Why did you choose that subject?</li> </ul>
Math	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When doing laundry, have your child help. Have them sort the laundry into categories, find the matching socks, name colors. Create patterns with colors or clothing types (for example, red sock, then blue, then red, which comes next?)</li> <li>2. How Many Steps? Have your child guess how many steps it takes them to get from one place to another. (For example, from one room to another, or from your front door to the mailbox, etc.) Have them actually walk between the two places and see how close their guess was. You could also have them keep a chart with the guesses and the actual number of steps it took.</li> </ol>
Scien	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make a Rain Gauge. Affix a piece of masking tape from the upper rim to the base of a clear, straight edge jar. Use a ruler to mark off measures in</li> </ol>

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	<p>quarter-inches or centimeters on the tape. Set the jar outside and wait for it to rain. After the rain, check your rain gauge to see how many inches of rainfall you received. Keep a log to compare how much rain you receive over time.</p> <p>2. Using one type of paper (constant), build three different paper airplanes (independent variable) and test to see how far they fly (dependent variable).</p>
Social Studies	<p>1. Create a Good Citizen Poster - Begin a discussion about being a good citizen. This could be in regards to being a good family member, a good neighbor or a citizen in your community. How do we show we are good citizens? What does being a good citizen look like? Create a poster which shows these things.</p> <p>2. Go on virtual tours “together” such as National Geographic, zoos (some are digital with webcams!), museums with online exhibitions, national parks, and tours (for example, The Louvre). USA Today has a listing of free virtual tours: <a href="https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2020/03/16/social-distancing-freevirtual-tours/5060244002/">https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2020/03/16/social-distancing-freevirtual-tours/5060244002/</a></p> <p>Cincinnati Zoo: <a href="https://m.facebook.com/events/cincinnati-zoo-botanical-garden/home-safarifacebook-lives/2915534028492292/">https://m.facebook.com/events/cincinnati-zoo-botanical-garden/home-safarifacebook-lives/2915534028492292/</a></p> <p>3. Car and Bus Safety - Watch the Story: <i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!</i> by Mo Willems; Read the Book: <i>Car Safety</i> by Lisa M. Herrington <a href="https://bookflix.digital.scholastic.com/pair/detail/bk0125pr/start?authCtx=U.794217314">https://bookflix.digital.scholastic.com/pair/detail/bk0125pr/start?authCtx=U.794217314</a></p>
Fun	<p>1. Choose a movie everyone likes and have everyone reenact different scenes and parts. Staff can get the recordings, edit them, and send back to everyone.</p> <p>2. Choose a song. Each person creates choreography and teaches it to each other. Record and share.</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Good Housekeeping activity ideas <a href="https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/craft-ideas/how-to/g1389/diykids-activities/?slide=1">https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/craft-ideas/how-to/g1389/diykids-activities/?slide=1</a></li> <li>4. Have costume competitions. Everyone dresses up, takes pictures, and shares them with each other. Everyone votes on the silliest costume, the most glamorous, the most realistic, etc.</li></ol>
Life Skills	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Hold a Talent Show. Everyone records and shares their talent. Examples: painting, telling a joke, reciting a spoken word poem, singing, doing a magic trick, etc. Give recognition to the funniest, happiest, most creative, etc.</li> <li>2. Have a group scavenger hunt on specific themes. Examples: things you would need for a party, things you would need in case of an emergency, things you need if you were going to the beach, etc.</li> <li>3. Exercise is so important for our students. Try this fun Alphabet Exercise Routine. You can change it up and use spelling words or your name.  A- Arm rolls B- Butterfly legs C- Crab walk D- Duck walk E- Elephant truck swing F- Frog hops G- Giant leaps H- High knees I- Incline climb J- Jumping jacks K- Knee squats L- Lunges M- Mega jumps N- Neck rolls O- Overhead stretches P- Push ups Q- Quad stretches</li></ol>

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	R- Run in place S- Snake slither T- Toe touches U- Under over maze V- Vertical wall taps W- Windmills X- X marks the spot exercise Y- Yoga pose Z- Zig zag run
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Resources:

The KIDZ Page

<http://thekidzpage.com>

TheKidzPage.com has more than 5,000 pages of learning games and activities. Online coloring pages, jigsaw puzzles and word games are just a few sections of this massive site.

Fun Brain

<https://www.funbrain.com>

One visit to Fun Brain and you'll want to bookmark it for your kids. Math, reading, online books and learning games are just some of the site's many treats. Fun Brain caters to preschoolers through 8th graders.

Highlights for Kids

<https://www.highlightskids.com>

The magazine for kids that's been around for more than 60 years now offers online ways to play, read and craft with your children. Matching games, art activities, animated stories and science experiments are just a few ways kids can learn while having fun on the Highlights for Kids website.