

Mini-Engagement Tasks, Videos, Websites for Middle Years Students

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Engagement Tasks

- [Flipgrid](#) challenges (We did not get to use these because our district blocked Flipgrid)
 - Intro/How are you?
 - Do the chicken dance
 - Dig Cit sharing
 - Mood Meter
 - Tell the next sentence of a story
- What's Your [Quarantine Name](#)?
- [Getty Art Challenge](#)
- [Cintascotch Drawing Challenges](#)
- [Author Pen Name Generator](#)
- [I Spy Camera Roll](#)
- Picture Uno - link to come
- [Fraction Problem Puzzle \(Sidewalk Chalk\)](#)
- [Lock Puzzle](#)
- Would you rather (with a tool like [OpinionStage](#) or [PollEverywhere](#))
 - Have a million dollars now or start with a penny and double the amount every day for a month?
 - Have no chocolate ever again or no chips ever again?
- [Goose Chase](#) Scavenger Hunt
- [Create a ridiculous scene at home](#). Take a photo and upload it in the comments. Share only the photo, not the story.
- Design a Cereal Box (credit- Laurie Hutchinson via Facebook)
- Google [Quick Draw](#)
- Virtual Talent Show (credit- Sara Lange via Facebook)
- [365 Give Challenge](#) (credit- Sylvie L'Allier via Facebook)
- [Spell your name in household objects](#) (credit- Heather Tandy via Facebook; Image: by VO)
- [Poetry Prompt](#)- Gratitude- (found via Jacqueline Reyes via Facebook)
- [Tic Tac Toe Twists](#) by [Marilyn Burns](#)
- Work together with others in your class to make a [music CO-VIDeo](#)
- [What's the oldest thing in your house?](#) - ([Image prompt for students](#))

- [Jason Reynolds](#), Author, creator, and (US) National Ambassador of Young People's Literature has been making his own set of challenges! [#WriteRightRite](#)
 - [Build your own medal](#)
 - [Create a fictional tattoo](#)
 - [Your hero writes YOU a letter.](#)
 - [Imagine your loved one is 15 years old.](#)
- Take an [art tip](#) and make a simple drawing.
- Playing [Helping Hands](#)- a drama/improv game where you get someone else to be the hands, and you act out a simple skit. Great for multi-student families!
- Make an [emoji story](#)
- Write a story about the [day in the life](#) of an object around your home.
- Take the first line of the nearest book and add ["and then the dragons arrived."](#)

First Peoples Ways of Knowing & Learning

Videos

- [Now is the Time](#)- the first totem pole raised in Old Masset Village
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Memes/Photos

Fun/ny

- [Go shop somewhere else](#)
- [Monday is Homeschool picture day](#)
- [Use the Force... with Remote Learning](#)
- [Dr. Seuss Titles Reimagined](#) (Credit: [Sharon Hales](#))

Community

- [This is just something we're going through right now](#)
- [SEL Connectedness](#)
- [Not just stuck at home](#)

Videos

Fun/ny

- [SGN Episode 1 \(Steve Carrell\)](#)
- [SGN Episode 2 \(Hamilton\)](#)
- [SGN Episode 3 \(Baseball\)](#)
- [Bears classified as essential workers in Yellowstone Park](#)
- [Disney Princesses as hotdogs](#)
- [Winning at Isolation](#)
- [Reuniting with friends after quarantine be like...](#)
- [The Easter Bunny & Tooth Fairy are essential workers](#) (in New Zealand/Commonwealth)- but you might need to help them out.
- [A Mom, A Son, Some Pans, and a... Ping Pong Ball? Crazy Trick Shot](#)

- [Part 2](#) - They're back to **SYNCHRONIZE** their trick shots!

Inspiring

- [Prince Ea - Before You Get the Virus, Watch This Video](#)
- [An important message from Lego Justin Trudeau](#)
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Science-y

- [It's Okay To Be Smart: What This Chart Actually Means for COVID-19](#)
- [It's Okay To Be Smart: Why Soap is Still Our Best Weapon Against Coronavirus](#)
- [How To See Germs Spread](#)
- [National Geographic's Photo of the Day](#)
- [The Ecosystem in the Jar in my Windowsill](#)- we have got to do this! This is amazing. Field notes, science curricular competencies. I'm going to go ahead and build a full science kit around this. [Part 2](#)

Numeracy

- [Interesting](#) Math Spatial/Geometry Clip
- [Math Walks](#) (Credit: [@traciteacher](#))
- Rich Math Task #1: [WODB](#)
- Rich Math Task #2: How Many Rectangles?
- Rich Math Task #3:

Websites

- [Offline Choice Boards](#)
- [Predictive Text Storytelling](#) - create a 3 sentence story with predictive text
 - Or you can do predictive text challenges with sentence frames like: [My name is...](#)
 - A whole [subreddit](#) of predictive text prompts
- [Word of the Day](#)- What was the word of the day on your last birthday?
- [Finish This Comic Activities](#) from [Jarett Lerner](#)
- [On This Day in Canada's History](#) - Canadian Archives
- [Beat Blender](#)- make music with AI
- [Weave Silk](#) - an interactive, symmetrical art creation site
- [Here is Today](#) - Compare today against significant geologic timelines of the earth

Audiobooks, podcasts

- Kenneth Oppel [reads his entire collection](#) of YA books.

Events

- [Levar Burton reads](#) - every Wednesday at 3pm
- Kelly Yang (Front Desk author) teaches writing courses on [Instagram](#)
- [Action for Kindness Calendar](#)
- [Amazing Literacy Fun Schedule](#) - calendar of authors who are doing read alouds!

Assessment

- Rubrics and idea maps [Dr. Jennifer Katz - Three Block Model](#)