



FRIENDS@HOME VIRTUAL GUIDE

This guide will help you plan virtual Friends@Home visits.

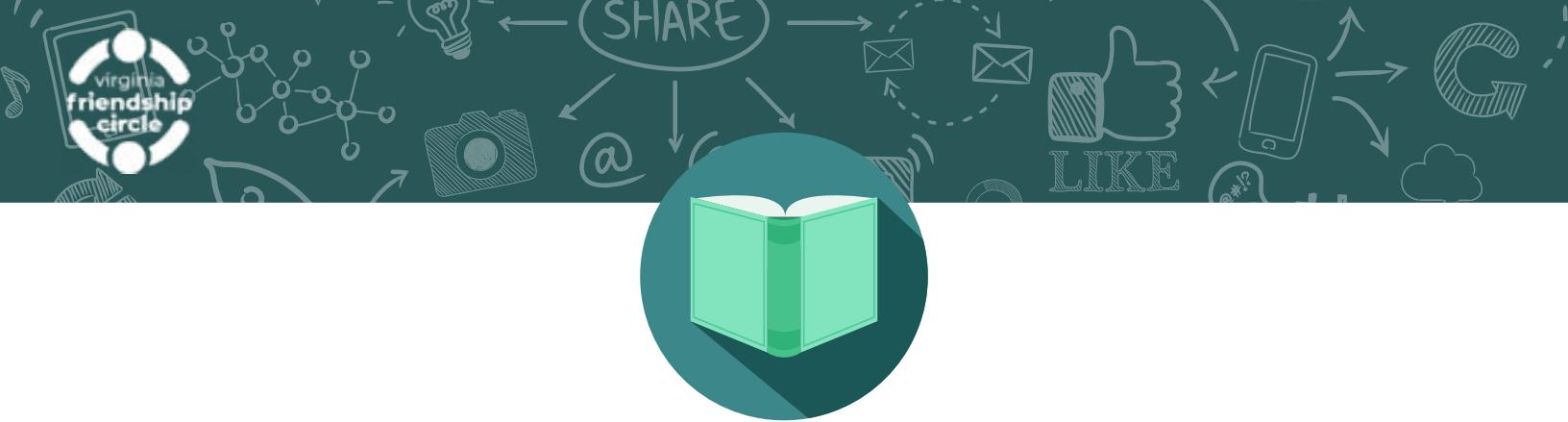
Included are websites that you can use to make your time together enjoyable and exciting!

You will find ideas for:



If you have any more resources or ideas that you think other people might benefit from, please tell us!

We are so excited to hear about how these websites worked for you!
Don't forget to send us pictures!



READING TOGETHER

Reading is especially nice if your friend doesn't feel like making conversation but wants your company. We all love a good book, and reading together is a great way to feel closer.



KidLit TV is a winner of the Parents' Choice Gold Award, the Norton Juster Award for Devotion to Literacy, and one of the American Library Association's Great Websites.

Read Aloud Books:

www.kidlit.tv/category/read-out-loud/read-out-loud/



International Children's Digital Library

This online library mostly contains classic chapter books such as Alice in Wonderland. These are books that you read yourself; they are not read out loud to you:

en.childrenslibrary.org



TumbleBooks
e-books for e-kids

Tumblebooks recently became free, and has plenty of talking picture books with fabulous animation, puzzles, games and audiobooks:

www.nypl.org/collections/articles-databases/tumblebooks



GAMING TOGETHER

Everyone loves playing games with a friend! On these sites, you can actually play with your friend if you make an account (which is free) on the website. Otherwise you can have fun playing “side by side” on FaceTime or on the phone. Have fun!



Miniclip is a free online games website with lots of great multiplayer games. This site has lots of action games for kids and teens. It also has pictionary and a few sports games.

www.miniclip.com



Crazy games has a huge selection of all different types of games. Some are pretty weird, but there are a few of really nice ones. The following are the best of their options.

www.crazygames.com/c/puzzle
www.crazygames.com/c/sports
www.crazygames.com/c/girls



There are nice games on here including board games. The website also has a very simple and easy layout for people who get overwhelmed with complicated websites.

www.poki.com



This website is all word games! Choose what type of word puzzle you and your friend want to play, and then try to figure it out together- or race each other to see who can figure it out first:

www.arkadium.com/free-online-games/word/



Bunch is the first group video chat app for live mobile games. Play online multiplayer games with friends while you're on group video chat.

**Download for iPhone
on App Store**



Have fun with your friends and family by playing a collection of excellent multiplayer games via iMessage!

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DRAWING TOGETHER

What better way to spend time with a friend than drawing together! Drawing is fun for all ages.

Remember, if you don't want to go online, pull out paper and some crayons and draw IRL :)

FlockDraw

Have fun drawing together! Go into the same drawing room and play “guess what I’m drawing,” or hangman, or tic tac toe, or have contests!

www.flockdraw.com/51du9z



On AnonDraw, you can select “private room,” and then share the link with your friend to draw together with no other players in the room.

www.anondraw.com/collab



EXERCISING TOGETHER

With so much screen time, it's easy to get antsy or forget about exercise. Exercise can improve mood drastically. With the help of these super fun websites, you and your friend can get up and move!



Fitness blender has hundreds of videos covering a huge range of types of exercise. You can also choose what level of difficulty you are ready for, how long you want to work out for, and if you want a male or female instructor:

www.fitnessblender.com



This is my new favorite website of all time. It's a BLAST!! They have awesome and hilarious (okay, and a little weird) free song and dance videos that are guaranteed to get you out of your seat and dancing!! You are not going to want to stop! I challenge you to do every video here!

www.gonoodle.com/good-energy-at-home-kids-games-and-videos/



MUSIC + FUN TOGETHER

Music and Dancing are great ways to release energy and boost your mood. Singing and dancing with friends is even better! Here are some great ideas to help bring out the musician in us all.



Have Fun Teaching is an educational media brand for teachers, parents, and kids. HFT makes teaching and learning fun with engaging songs and videos. With over 1 billion views, and popular videos like the Alphabet Song, Seasons Song, and Water Cycle Song, Have Fun Teaching is a favorite in classrooms and homes all over the world.

www.youtube.com/user/havefunteaching

Make Your Own Music

- If you play an instrument, play for the kids
- get something to use as a drum to follow along

Hokey Pokey

- Sing and dance the moves together

Put On Dance Music

- Find appropriate music on your phone or computer to have a “dance” party

Art Show

- Ask parents ahead of time that you want to child to show you all of their art projects



VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS #1

Click on the links below to take a Virtual Field Trip!

[San Diego Zoo](#)

[The Louvre in France - Egyptian Antiquities](#)

[Great Wall of China](#)

[Boston Children's Museum](#)

[Canadian Egg Farm](#)

[Guggenheim Museum, New York](#)

[Live Webcams from the Georgia Aquarium](#)

[Mars \(Google\)](#)

[Mars \(NASA\)](#)

[Yellowstone National Park \(visit several locations in the park\)](#)

[NASA Hubble Control Center Lobby](#)

[NASA Hubble Control Center Mission Operations Room](#)

[How Science Powers Us - Tour of a Pharmaceutical Lab](#)

[Children's Museum of Indianapolis](#)

[The Louvre in France - The Apollo Gallery](#)

[Discover Hawaii](#)

[Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah](#)

[Johnson Space Center and Meet Boeing Employees](#)

[Dry Tortugas National Park, Florida](#)

[The National Gallery, U.K.](#)

[Canadian Apple Orchard](#)

[St. Louis Aquarium Galleries](#)

[Stanley Black and Decker Makerspace](#)

[The Louvre in France - History of the Louvre](#)

[Space Shuttle Discovery](#)

[Carlsbad Caverns National Park, New Mexico](#)



VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS #2

Click on the links below to take a Virtual Field Trip!

[National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.](#)

[National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, South Korea](#)

[Monterey Bay Aquarium Live Animal Cams](#)

[Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii](#)

[Soar with Wings - Exploring Social/Emotional Health](#)

[STEM Careers - Improving Animal Health](#)

[Kenai Fjords National Park, Alaska](#)

[Van Gogh Museum, Netherlands](#)

[Teaching with Testimony - #StrongerThanHate](#)

[Polar Bears in the Tundra](#)

[Careers that Count - Virtual Field Trip With The NBA.](#)

[Discover Your HAPPY](#)

[Visit A Dairy Farm](#)

[Ellis Island](#)

[J. Paul Getty Museum, California](#)

[Yosemite National Park, California](#)

[Technology in Agriculture - Feeding the Growing Globe](#)

[Celebrate 400 Years of Shakespeare](#)

[Dig into Mining](#)

[Smithsonian's National Zoo Webcams](#)

[Colonial Williamsburg Webcams](#)

[Star Atlas - Explore Over 60,000 Stars](#)

[The Great Lakes](#)

[Powering the Planet - Renewable Energy](#)

[Borneo - The Symphony of the Rain Forest](#)