

20 Isolation Boredom Busters

By Dale Garcia

- 1. Make recipes you've always wanted to try**
I made scones a few days ago and they were surprisingly fun and easy to make!
- 2. Learn a new talent**
You can learn and master an impressive talent, and show it off when this is all over.
- 3. Play games**
Whether your idea of games is Roblox or Uno, you can always have a blast!
- 4. Master internet dances**
Now's the perfect time to learn all those difficult dances you've been seeing all over!
- 5. Complete a puzzle**
From Rubix to jigsaw, there're plenty of fun options to work on and "puzzle" over.
- 6. Write poetry**
Poetry is perfect to express emotions and creativity- try it out!
- 7. Have a digital-conversation**
Arrange a meeting on Zoom, Google Hangouts, or FaceTime and have a chat with friends and/or family while staying MORE than 6 feet away. :)
- 8. Learn a foreign language**
Download an app like Duolingo and work on the basics of a new language!
- 9. Start a journal or blog**
It's always fun to make content and write what you think, so why not try it out??
- 10. Take an online class**
Online classes are super fun and they match your interests. You could use Outschool (costs money) or try a platform that is temporarily giving free classes!
- 11. Go on a walk**
Get some fresh air- just stay 6 feet away from others.
- 12. Build with LEGOs**
Build whatever you want, there are no boundaries!!!
- 13. Get lots of sleep**
It's not like you don't have enough time!
- 14. Try some DIY projects**
Now is a great time to try out those complicated crafts on Pinterest!
- 15. Have a fashion show**
Try on old clothes and your summer wardrobe!
- 16. Make a collage of magazines**
Cut out words, photos, and clippings and make some art!
- 17. Make some memes**
Download an app and make some random memes (It can get hilarious!)
- 18. Work on photography**
Take some photos- maybe even try editing!
- 19. Try to replicate famous art**
Whether easy or difficult, you can always try it out and have fun!
- 20. Set up a tent inside and camp!**
Try using flashlights, making s'mores, and replicate an experience!



Food Foraging

By Luka Shayakhmetova



In times like these when it's hard to get to the grocery store, why not find food in your neighborhood? Foraging means finding edible food in the wild, like in your yard or the park. You can find quite a few edible plants and flowers if you know what to look for. I got interested in foraging when I helped my mom make violet lemonade from violets in our yard.

Before you eat any wild plants, check with an adult to be sure that you know what you are eating so you don't accidentally eat something toxic. There are apps that you can download to help identify plants. There also are videos that can help you learn the characteristics of certain plants. While foraging, don't take all the plants from one area, make sure to leave some behind so there is enough for other animals and so it can regrow.

Some edible plants that grow in Missouri are chickweed, dandelions, violets, wild garlic, purple dead nettle, and sorrel. So far I've found chickweed, dandelions, violets, and purple dead nettle in my neighborhood. I wonder what you will find in your neighborhood!

There are many recipes for these plants. Here's one for chickweed pesto! You'll need 2-4 cloves of garlic, minced, 1/2 cup of extra virgin olive oil, 2-3 cups freshly picked young chickweed leaves, 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese, a dash of sea salt, handful of walnuts (optional), tablespoon of lemon juice (optional), lemon zest (optional). To make it place all the ingredients in a food processor. Blend well. Enjoy!

-- Recipe from learningherbs.com

Kennard Students Qualify for State Math Competition

By Richard Heidenry

Fourteen Kennard students took the MCTM district math competition online using Zoom on April 4, 2020. Approximately 250 students in fourth and fifth grade participated.

Fourth grade participants were: Sky Jacobson, Caris Ong, Riese Pellizarro, Shrey Sharma.

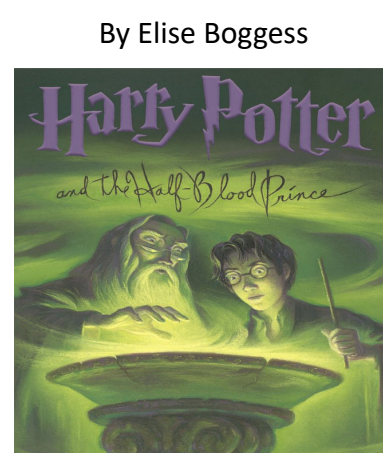
Fifth grade participants were: Greta Becherer, Mihir Busani, Richard Heidenry, Dylan Miller, Isabella Patino, Annabelle Rehbein, Henry Schrock, Cameron Shatto, Abbie Tu, and Rohan Vora.

Sky Jacobson, Caris Ong, Mihir Busani, Richard Heidenry, Henry Schrock, and Abbie Tu from Kennard qualified for the state competition.

Congratulations!

Book Review: Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

By Elise Boggess



In the sixth book of the Harry Potter series, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, Harry, Ron and Hermione are in their sixth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. The war against The Dark Lord Voldemort is only getting more intense. Even Muggle governments are beginning to notice. The Order of the Phoenix, a society determined to bring down Voldemort, is doing everything in their power to stop him. But even Hogwarts isn't safe anymore. Harry suspects a certain student is a death eater but still needs to find better evidence.

During all this havoc, students still have classes to worry about. A new teacher, Professor Horace Slughorn, is there. The students believe he is their new Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher but he's actually resuming his spot as Potions teacher. As a last minute change, Harry and Ron take Potions as a N.E.W.T. subject. As they were still under the impression that Professor Snape would be teaching it, they don't have books or supplies. Harry's borrowed book of advanced potion making once belonged to someone called "The Half-Blood Prince." Harry, Ron and Hermione have no clue who this is, but the book has scribbled in tips and better ways to make the potions.

Harry uses the tips (to Hermione's great disapproval) and quickly becomes Slughorn's favorite student. Harry has private lessons with Dumbledore diving into Tom Riddle's past using the pensieve, a way to see other people's memories all to find out about.... Horcruxes.

In the end Hogwarts experiences a great loss. For Harry, Ron, and Hermione, this year at Hogwarts is very intense and they have to make a big decision about their future. *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* is action-packed and amazing. You should definitely read the whole Harry Potter series.

Test-Taking Strategies

By Emma Hane

Hello, Kennard! Today I will show you 10 ways to study well for an online test or any type of test! There are many ways to study, but these are the top 10 that have worked for me personally. This list is in no certain order, so feel free to use any of them! Let's get started!

- 1. Get Informed**
Don't start studying unprepared! Before you start studying, find out the topics and chapters in your textbook that the test will cover. Also, try to find out the lay-out of the test.
- 2. Think Like Your Teacher**
Your assignments, homework, quizzes, and study guides give great clues on how your teacher thinks and what your teacher thinks is most important in that topic. This will help you know what to study.
- 3. Make Your Own Tests**
A 2013 study shows that having a friend make you a practice test works way better than studying notes or any other classic method of studying. If you want to be nice, you can make them one too!
- 4. Make Educated Guesses On The Questions**
Use your knowledge from homework and other things and make questions that you think will be on the test. Make sure you know the answers.
- 5. Study Every Day**
Your brain remembers things more if it is told multiple times with rest in between. You will remember even more if you study the night before and the day of the test as well.
- 6. Cut Out Distractions**
Turn off notifications on electronics and if you want to play music, play some without lyrics. Your brain focuses 46% better when there is no distraction, yet music without lyrics doesn't affect your brain's focus.
- 7. Divide Big Concepts Into Smaller Sections**
If you are studying one big topic, break it down and do different parts at different times. This helps your brain focus more and helps prevent procrastination.
- 8. Don't Neglect The "Easy" Stuff**
Even if you've done certain parts before, always make sure you study everything. If you assume you already know it, you might get more questions wrong on that portion of the test.
- 9. Never Skip Class**
Even skipping one single class can put you at a disadvantage. If you must miss for something important, ask your teacher for extra help.
- 10. Use Colored Notes**
Your brain can review notes easier if you alternate blue and purple ink every line. This sounds fake, but it really does help.
Hope these tips help you study!

Kitchen Science

Kennard second grade students created their own science lab in their kitchens! They investigated the properties of plastic material made from milk and vinegar. Students shaped the material and let it dry for at least 24 hours before it turned hard like real plastic. Some students changed the variables of the experiment by using different types of milk, like soy, or different types of vinegar, like apple cider vinegar. They observed that some changes still resulted in a plastic like material, and others did not.



Pixilart: A Free Drawing Tool

By Lavata R. Baker



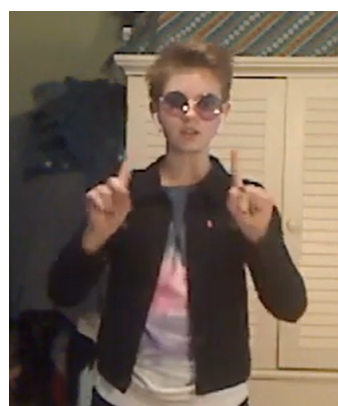
One of my Pixilart drawings

[Pixilart](http://pixilart.com) is a free drawing tool that you can use when you are trapped inside and would like to create art. In Pixilart, you can create amazing works of pixel art without paying money!

Pixilart has a variety of tools, including the Pencil tool, which draws one pixel at a time (you can also click and drag), the Paintbrush tool, which provides splotches of color (I personally like it), the Text feature, which lets you type out pixelated text, and many more! It even has a grid setup and simple zoom mechanics.

This is a fun site to go to, and it gives satisfying results.

Take Time to Learn Popular Internet Dances



By Lila Brady

Hello from quarantine! Everyone's probably longing for things to do during self-isolation (other than watching TV). One thing you can do is learn to do short choreographed dances. Dancing gives you exercise, and it's fun! Here are some popular dances ordered from easiest to most difficult.

[Dance 1](#)

[Dance 2](#)

[Dance 3](#)

How to Build a Simple LEGO Spaceship

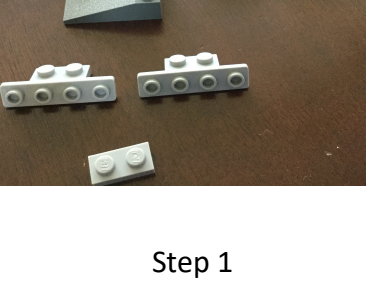
By Mihir Busani



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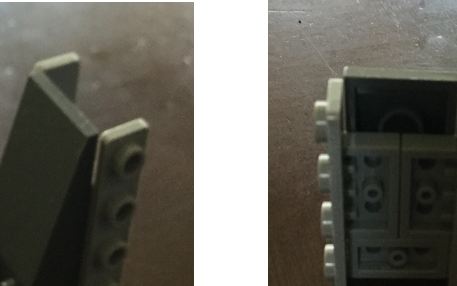
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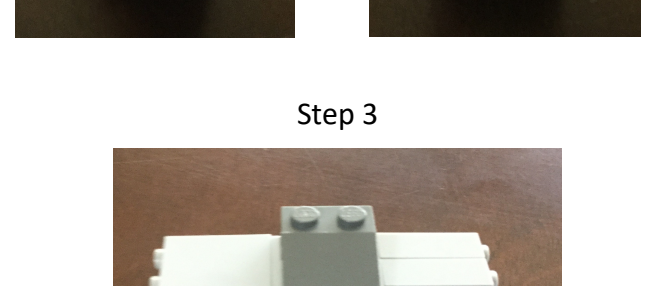
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Step 4 Put together the first step and the wings



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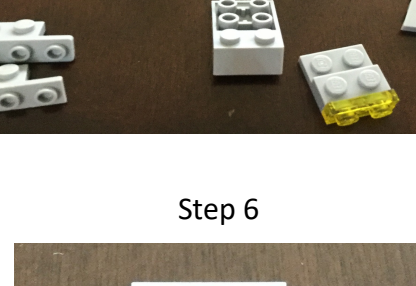
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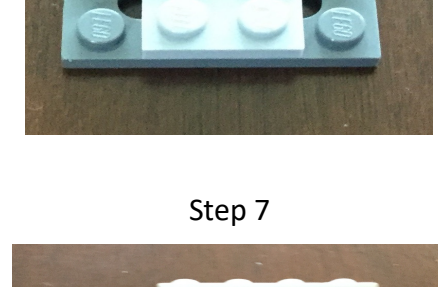
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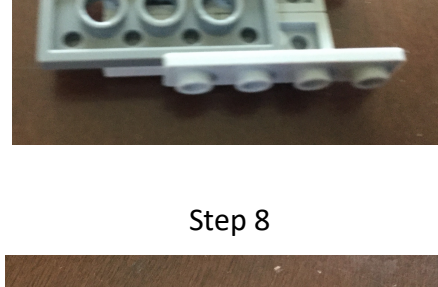
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Step 7



Step 8



Step 9



Step 10 Put together the wings and the head



Step 11 Put the second stage on the bottom

