



GRADES 6-8 *Issue 4, April 17, 2020*

Families are invited to explore these weekly resources that have been curated with grades 6-8 in mind. These resources are offered for families interested in additional ways to supplement learning activities.

We hope students and families will find some digital spaces to explore, engage, and enrich personal learning interests at home.

ONGOING RESOURCES

[Confident Parents Confident Kids](#): A parent guide to support students' social-emotional development.

[April Fitness Challenge](#): Keep your mind and body active.

[Youth/Parent Fireside Chat](#): iKeepSafe.

NEW! [Three Rs Resource](#): Turnaroundusa.org. Tips to maintain connections to our family, friends, teachers, and peers.

[Household and Remote Learning Routines and Procedures Checklist](#)

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

[What's Going On in This Graph?](#): *The New York Times*

Possible activity: Look closely at the graph. What do you notice? What do you wonder? What's going on in this graph?

[Why We're Bad At Predicting Our Own Happiness](#): National Public Radio Hidden Brain Podcast (25 minutes)

Possible discussion questions: What surprised you? What questions would you ask Mr. Gilbert?

[Extreme Candy](#): Scholastic Science World. Explore the chemistry behind candy that tantalizes your taste buds.

Possible discussion questions: How does chemical analysis help in the creation of new candy flavors? What new candy would you create?

[Rock Candy](#): Van Andel Institute for Education. Create your own rock candy at home with simple ingredients. See if you can perfect your rock candy recipe to yield the most candy!

Take a Virtual Vacation: Australia

Possible discussion questions: What do you notice? What do you wonder? What do you want to know more about?

- [Canberra, Australian Capital Territory](#) (1:03 min aerial video)
- [Great Barrier Reef, Queensland](#) (2:01 min underwater video)
- [Sydney Vacation Travel Guide](#) (6:39 min narrated tour video)
- [Learn About Australia](#): Scholastic article

LOW TECH / NO TECH ACTIVITIES

[Making Animals With Leaves](#): Gather resources from around your home to create your masterpiece.

Take time to listen to your favorite playlist. Sketch while you listen and see what creations are revealed.