



GRADES 9-12 *Issue 4, April 17, 2020*

Families are invited to explore these weekly resources that have been curated with grades 9-12 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](#): Guidance for the Safe & Healthy Use of Technology from iKeepSafe

[Audible FREE audiobooks for teens](#)

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

[Cornell Lab FeederWatch Cam](#): This feeder watch cam is located in the Treman Bird Feeding Garden at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in Ithaca, New York. Practice identifying birds through sight and sound!

[NSTA Daily Do](#): Each National Science Teacher Association (NSTA) Daily Do presents a phenomenon and guidance for engaging students with practices for sensemaking.

[How to draw to remember more](#): Graham Shaw (16:48 min video) - Build off of the instructions on [how to draw](#) (Introduced in Issue 3).

April is National Poetry Month!

Learn about and write Haiku poems:

- Read ["I wrote a Haiku every day for a week - here's what I learned"](#) - Ideas.Ted.com
- Watch ["The Power of Daily Haiku"](#): TED Talk (14:01 but focus on the first 5 minutes)
- How might you capture the small moments and simple pleasures you're experiencing each day in a Haiku poem?
- Challenge yourself to try it for a week. Better yet - challenge a friend or family member, too, and share your poems!

Take a Virtual Vacation: Russia

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

- [Aerial Tour of Moscow, Russia](#) (7:02 min video)
- [Hot Air Balloon Festival - Russia](#) (5:40 min video with narration)
- [Lake Baikal, Magical Ice, Russia](#) (7:36 min video with narration)
- [Learn About Russia](#): Scholastic article

LOW TECH / NO TECH ACTIVITY

Plant and tend potted plants and, eventually, a garden! One uses math and science to calculate how big the garden plot should be, measure the planting depth of seeds, chart the growth of plants, record weekly rainfall, and predict which plants will yield the most produce.