

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS: ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Organize a scavenger hunt. Hide a treasure” and write clues; then have your child search and find the treasure.	Have your child build a “fort” out of a table and chairs covered with sheets or blankets.	Enjoy an “indoor” picnic with your family.	Create an obstacle course for your child around a chair, under a table, and through a box.	Have a contest: how many words can you make from the letters in these words: <i>hurricane, snowstorm, or power outage.</i>	Decide on a location anywhere in the world. Take turns telling one thing you would like to see there.	Have your child solve silly math problems, such as “How many hours until your birthday?”
Teach your child a card game.	Encourage your child to draw a self-portrait.	Ask your child to imagine life 150 years ago. How about 150 years in the future?	Cover the illustration on a page of a book. Read the page to your child. Can your child guess what’s in the picture?	Pretend you are a balloon, floating around the room. Dance using your head, arms, and legs.	Use your body to make different shapes (circle, oval, narrow, wide, twisted, square, rectangle). Try some new shapes.	Pretend one foot is glued to the floor. Can you stretch high? Bend side to side? What else can you do without moving one foot?
Think your child is too old for a family read-along? Try it.	Play indoor “hide and seek” using flashlights.	Ask your child “how” and “why” questions to increase their reasoning skills.	Draw or paint blindfolded. One person “directs” the other.	Walk up and down stairs for 15 minutes.	Play a game of “follow the leader.” Take turns leading and following, and talk about what these words mean.	Tell your children stories about a similar situation when you were a child.
Have a family sing-along.	Take care of your pets. Make sure they have plenty of food and water and are not left outside in dangerous weather conditions.	Create a comic strip based on real-life events.	Explain how a barometer and a thermometer work. With your children, watch to see how the readings change as a storm approaches .	Let your children draw on paper towels with washable markers. Spray towels with water and watch the colors blend!	Create a family newsletter. Include interviews with relatives, illustrations, photos, and a list of activities and accomplishments.	Work as a family on a large jig-saw puzzle.
Have a family cross-word puzzle challenge.	Create word searches for your child using words associated with the weather event.					