Ho-Ho-Kus Family Fun Ideas for Home Based Spring Recess
April 6-13, 2020
Spring Recess

No school assignments will be given over the break. (Students are to complete any missing assignments, if needed.)

Use this time to:

- Research--in a fun way!
- Reconnect
- Recharge
- Reflect
- Read for pleasure

FYI--underlined words are hyperlinked

Click on the underlined words to access.
Research

- Explore places from near and far
- Seek information and answers around a new passion
Virtually visit the NYC institution dedicated to exploring human cultures, the natural world, and the known universe.

The American Museum of Natural History

- View a virtual tour of all the exhibits
- Join a guided tour via Facebook Live
- Explore the Museum’s science website for kids
- Test your knowledge of the natural world with Kahoot quizzes
Blast off into space and explore our nearest neighbor.

**Mars**

- View footage from the Mars Rovers’ cameras
- Check out the weather on Mars
- Compare Earth to the Red Planet
Love animals and want to learn more?

The San Diego Zoo

- Research facts about all of the animals found in the zoo
- View live streaming cameras of the animal exhibits
- Create crafts based on the animals found in the zoo
- Play games
More places to explore:

- The Great Wall of China
- Boston Children's Museum
- Georgia Aquarium
- Canadian Egg Farm
- Yellowstone National Park
- Guggenheim Museum
- A Planetarium
- US Volcanoes
- The Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Monterey Bay Aquarium

- Tour the Hubble Control Center
- Inside the Space Shuttle, National Air and Space Museum
- Ellis Island
- Polar Bears in the Tundra
- Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam
- NBA All-Star Virtual Field Trip
- Kenai Fjords National Park, Alaska
Is there a topic that you are passionate about but don’t usually have the time to research?

10 Reasons to Find Your Passion Project

- A passion project is an activity or enterprise that you decide to take on—usually in your spare time—in order to gain some benefit for yourself.

- Some ideas:
  - Gardening
  - Bee Keeping
  - Knitting
  - Coding
Reconnect

● Stay in contact with family and friends
● Connect with the HHK School and town community
Games Via Devices
There are fun ways to virtually connect with families and friends.
(Use Google Meet, Zoom, Facetime, or any video connection)

- A scavenger hunt (Make a list of multiple items, the first person to show an item to the camera gets a point)
  - Some possibilities to find:
    - An item that starts with z
    - Something that rhymes with spot
    - An instrument
    - A kitchen utensil
    - A roll of toilet paper
- Charades
- Bingo
Front Door Egg Hunt

Unable to participate in a group egg hunt, join in on a front door egg hunt.

- Create a colorful egg, or two, or three.
- Place it on your front door or window.
- Those walking or driving with their family will get to enjoy your decorated eggs.
Recharge

- Time to unplug
- Read **Unplugged** by Steve Anthony
- Creative ways to enjoy your time at home
40 Ways to Unplug and Have Fun

*Article from: We Are Teachers; March; National Association of Elementary School Principals.
More Unplugged Ideas

- Think DIY!!! Look all around your house and yard...then start to create and even redecorate. Ideas can include vases, frames, wreaths, pillows.
- This is a great time to clear out closets. To make it more fun, celebrate the different styles and mark the occasion with a family fashion show.
- Compose a song—you can keep it for yourself or play it for all to hear...what cheer!
- Write a short story or play or skit...perform it!
- Create a commercial for products around your house.
- Plant a garden or fill a flower pot.
- Bake cookies...cupcakes...cakes...brownies.
- Prepare a fancy dinner or lunch for your parents.
Reflect

- How are you feeling in this new situation?
- How can you document your thoughts, feelings, reactions to help you best move forward in a positive direction?
● Keep a reflection journal to document your thoughts and feelings during this time.
  ○ This can be digital or paper and pencil.
  ○ You can include drawings and sketches to express your feelings.

● Create a family time capsule
  ○ Some possible items to include:
    ■ Recipe for a dish you made using creative substitutions
    ■ Evidence of games or activities you did as a family, like a Yahtzee score card
    ■ Handprint tracing of everyone in the family
    ■ Description of the craziest or most out-of-the-box game or activity you created together
    ■ A tally sheet for the number of times you read a favorite book
    ■ A letter to yourself describing how you’re feeling and what life is like
Read for Pleasure

- Pick up a new book or an old favorite
- Send a recommendation to a friend or family member
- Many sites are offering ebooks for free right now
Enjoy your Spring Recess Staycation!

Your teachers can’t wait to hear about your adventures on April 14th