

# SCHOLASTIC EDUCATION

## Instructional Support for Remote Learning

During this crisis, Scholastic stands united with educators and families around the common goal of ensuring our children continue learning at home. As you strive to offer meaningful remote learning to your students, we are here to help. Scholastic resources can offer comfort and continuity to help your entire community. And with ongoing support, teachers will continue to do what they do best: help children learn and thrive.

### Free Resources from Scholastic

**Learn at Home** ([scholastic.com/learnathome](https://www.scholastic.com/learnathome)) is an essential website that gives children, families and educators valuable cross-curricular, literacy, and current events resources. Scholastic will continue to update and augment this resource as the crisis unfolds.

Scholastic has created **Teaching Our World** ([scholastic.com/coronavirus](https://www.scholastic.com/coronavirus)) to help educators and families provide age-appropriate information about the coronavirus to inform students and ease their fears.

Additionally, **Scholastic Home Base** ([scholastic.com/homebase](https://www.scholastic.com/homebase)) is an online environment where children can meet their favorite book characters, write stories, and hang out with other readers in a safe, moderated space. Many favorite authors will host live events in Home Base; parents, teachers, and students are encouraged to log in and participate.

### Additional Resources to Support Curriculum Continuity

**We welcome the opportunity to tailor a plan that:**

- Aligns to your curriculum
- Offers equitable access to engaging literacy resources
- Ensures that all of your students continue to learn essential literacy skills
- Provides the social-emotional support children and families need

### Take-Home Books

We know that the digital divide presents an additional challenge for remote learning. Scholastic Take-Home Books can be handed out to children and families at school/district food distribution sites. Available for all grades, these high-interest books are chosen to reflect the rich diversity of your students. Take-home book packs include Think Sheets that encourage children and families to reflect on and engage with the books in fun and meaningful ways.

Our new **Grab and Go Book Packs** include authentic, culturally relevant texts that reflect students' interests, spark imagination, and keep them on their path to becoming lifelong readers. **During this time of crisis, Scholastic is supplementing the cost of these book packs in order to ensure an equitable learning experience at home for all children.**

## Scholastic Grab and Go Book Packs include:

- Collections of 3 or 5 books
- Available for Grades PreK-8
- English and Spanish titles
- Authentic, culturally relevant texts
- Think Sheets to support students and their families
- 16-page *Family Guide to Literacy*

Strengthening the connection between literacy and child health is more important now than ever. Sending books home along with food delivers another much-needed form of nutrition for many families.

## Parent and Family Resources

Families have also been thrown into an unfamiliar role: teacher. In addition to our Take-Home Books, Scholastic can provide a number of resources to support families at home:

- Our ***Family Guide to Literacy*** includes information on grade-level milestones; skills children are typically learning at school; and how to support those developments with fun learning activities at home.
- Through a partnership with the Yale Child Study Center, the **Collaborative for Child and Family Resilience** provides guidance for families on how to talk to their children about COVID-19 and how to address the anxiety and stress that children may be experiencing. These resources are available digitally to share with educators and families.
- **School Readiness Kits** can help families prepare their young children for success in kindergarten and beyond. These bilingual kits come with 80+ activities for families to do at home. Despite this disruption in schooling, children can still build essential foundational skills in reading and math.

## Summer Learning

As you consider your options to use summer as a chance to make up for learning loss for all students or to provide targeted support for just your striving readers, Scholastic can support your initiatives.

- **MyBooks Summer** Take-Home Packs reflect the interest and reading levels of each student and equip them with engaging books along with activities. Available in English and Spanish, these book packs will ensure students in grades PreK-12 keep reading and stay on track.
- Available in English and Spanish, **LitCamp** is a breakthrough summer literacy program for grades PreK-8 that combines innovative, research-based reading and writing lessons with an engaging and interactive summer camp approach.
- **Scholastic Powered by BellXcel** is a complete solution for PreK-8 that includes math and literacy curricula, professional development, on-demand support, and a suite of evaluation tools.
- Additionally, our digital resources like **Scholastic F.I.R.S.T.** and **Scholastic W.O.R.D.** can help students practice essential phonics skills and vocabulary and word study, while **LitPro** ensures students keep reading anywhere they have an internet connection.

## Digital Instructional Resources

To avoid learning loss, our online instructional programs can support the growth of foundational skills, independent reading, vocabulary and word study, and more. Our digital solutions can supplement any curriculum you are using and empower teachers with meaningful data to monitor students' progress, even when they are away from the physical classroom.

- **Literacy Pro** empowers teachers to curate a personalized bookshelf for every child in grades K-6 to ensure purposeful and effective independent reading occurs every day.
- **Scholastic F.I.R.S.T.** is a highly-adaptive reading program that helps students develop strong foundational reading skills with phonemic awareness and phonological activities for students in grades PreK-2.
- **Scholastic W.O.R.D.** supercharges vocabulary acquisition and deepens comprehension for students in grades K-5.
- **Short Reads Digital** is the first ever guided reading program available completely online. Engage K-6 students through access to Fiction and Nonfiction short texts at each guided reading level as well as teacher materials that accompany each text.
- **Scholastic Core Clicks** provides close reading and skill instruction with engaging nonfiction in grades K-5.
- **Scholastic Storia** gives teachers the ability to assign independent reading simultaneously to a student, group, or class in grades PreK-8.
- **Scholastic GO!** supports students in grades 2-12 with credible, accurate access to nonfiction texts, world newspapers, multimedia and more.

Additionally, our current events publications for grades PreK-12 offer powerful digital resources to build knowledge, engagement, and skills in every content area. We embed social-emotional learning into every story, while our digital tools support striving and thriving readers with knowledge-building videos, a read-aloud tool, and more.

## Professional Learning

We recognize that educators are suddenly being asked to teach students through remote learning. To meet that urgent need, Scholastic is offering short online learning sessions to help teachers provide virtual instruction in ways that can enhance student learning and minimize teacher stress. We can also support ongoing professional development around literacy instruction to ensure that your staff continues on their professional learning journey while away from the school building. Topics for virtual instruction include:

- Teaching literacy in a virtual environment
- Conducting project-based learning remotely
- Supporting social-emotional learning
- Using your digital dashboards to understand student progress
- Building family engagement and support

**To create an equitable learning environment at home for all students, please contact Michelle Parker, Northeast Regional Director, 908-635-4914 or [MParker1@scholastic.com](mailto:MParker1@scholastic.com)**

