

### My Online Playground

A playground is typically an outdoor place where you can play. But what if you have to stay indoors and can't get together with friends? How can you create a playground on your computer that kids can use to relax and enjoy themselves? You're going to start developing a set of links to good learning games on the computer.



Locate a notebook or some paper you can use as your Playground Designer's Journal. The activity lists will tell you to write in your journal each day. You can write more if you want!


This week, work through the activities on the next pages to start designing your online playground.

But first, think about how you'll be a "Great Online Learner" this week!


### "Great Online Learners" **focus** on their goals!

Directions: At the end of each day, write the date into the first column, and place an X in the column that best describes your focus...



	I got distracted a lot.	I only got distracted a little.	I stayed focused the whole time!
Friday			
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			

<p align="center"><b>Invent Characters For Your Online Playground: Language Arts</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>X when done</b></p>
<p>Complete an  i-Ready ELA lesson and quiz each day.</p>	<p>___ Friday ___ Monday ___ Tuesday ___ Wednesday ___ Thursday</p>
<p>Think about missions in the book series <i>Magic Tree House</i>. What kind of missions would you like to include in your Online Playground? Write your ideas in your journal.</p>	
<p>Explore the <a href="#">Magic Tree House website</a>. Click on “Books” at the top. Find a book you haven’t read. Looking at just the cover, what do you imagine might happen in this book? Write your own short story about it in your journal! If you need help getting started, click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	
<p><a href="#">Read about the author</a> of the <i>Magic Tree House</i> series, Mary Pope Osborne. Identify 3 interesting facts about her and write them in your journal.</p>	
<p><a href="#">Watch an interview</a> with Mary Pope Osborne. Write in your journal about the author. What kind of person is Ms. Osborne? How do you know, based on what she said in the video?</p>	
<p>Write in your journal at the end of every day. You can choose to write about ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Things you learned today</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How good a student you were today</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How well you worked or played with someone else today</li> </ul>	<p>___ Friday ___ Monday ___ Tuesday ___ Wednesday ___ Thursday</p>
<p>In your journal, describe the characters you might want in your Online Playground.</p>	

<p align="center"><b>Building NJ Into Your Online Playground: Landforms of NJ</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>X when done</b></p>
<p><a href="#">Learn the basics about landforms</a> and answer the questions as you go!</p>	
<p>Take this “<a href="#">Crash Course</a>” on what landforms are and how they are formed!</p>	
<p>Review the main types of landforms through this beautiful, scenic <a href="#">slideshow</a>.</p>	
<p><a href="#">Quiz yourself</a> on the vocabulary of landforms.</p>	
<p>Look closely at <a href="#">a map of NJ</a>. See how many different landforms you can find. Record them in your journal.</p>	
<p>Pick 1 or more landforms to include in your online playground. Write in your journal about why you picked it.</p>	

<p align="center"><b>Building Math Into Your Online Playground: Reviewing Multiplication Skills</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>X when done</b></p>
<p>Practice your multiplication facts every day! Choose one of these games to help you practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Multiplication Mine</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Multiplication Space Race</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Penguin Jump Multiplication</a></li> </ul>	<p>___ Friday ___ Monday ___ Tuesday ___ Wednesday ___ Thursday</p>
<p>Complete 1  i-Ready math lesson and quiz each day.</p>	<p>___ Friday ___ Monday ___ Tuesday ___ Wednesday ___ Thursday</p>
<p><a href="#">Watch this video</a> to review how to multiply 2- or 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. If you're having a hard time, click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	
<p><a href="#">Practice</a> multiplying 2- or 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers.</p>	
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<p>Which of these games and websites did you find fun or interesting? Write them down in your journal!</p>	

<p align="center"><b>Bringing Life Into Your Online Playground: Life Cycles</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>X when done</b></p>
<p><a href="#">Watch the life cycle</a> of a strawberry plant. Then, watch it a second time. Make notes in your journal about the process you observe the plant going through.</p>	
<p><a href="#">Watch a more detailed explanation</a> of the life cycle of a strawberry. Look for the same details you observed in the first video. Write in your journal about the new things you have learned.</p>	
<p>Watch one of these videos of the life cycle of plants each day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">The life cycle of a bean plant</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">The life cycle of spinach</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">The life cycle of a pumpkin</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">The life cycle of a sunflower</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">The life cycle of an apple</a></li> </ul>	<p>___ Friday ___ Monday ___ Tuesday ___ Wednesday ___ Thursday</p>
<p>What kind of plants would you want in your Online Playground? What do you think the life cycle of that plant might be? Draw it out in your journal.</p>	

<p align="center"><b>Your Playground: Creative Corner</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>X when done</b></p>
 <p>Inspiration: <a href="#">Watch an artist</a> who has decided to paint each of her plants. You don't need to watch the entire video.</p> <p>Learning: <a href="#">How to draw a plant</a> Find a plant in your home, outside, or online. Draw a picture of the plant, or if you have the resources, create any piece of art that represents it!</p>	
 <p>Choose one of the life cycle videos you watched earlier. Watch it again, but this time, turn the sound off.</p> <p>Then, turn the sound back on and watch it one more time.</p> <p>Write in your journal about how the music affected you as you watched the video. How did it make the video better or worse? Describe the music in the video.</p>	