

# Ideas for Independent Student Work

**As soon as possible, begin to develop independent educational activities that are age appropriate for each child.** There will be multiple times throughout the day when a parent/teacher will need some time to get ready for the next activity or to have time to work with an individual child. It can be really helpful to have some bookmarked Internet sites, some tubs with materials for independent tasks, and a variety of books set-aside to ensure that time gets used productively and doesn't get wasted.

## **K-2 Ideas**

- Phonics worksheets <http://www.education.com/worksheets/>
- Copy work
- Interactive Educational Computer Games <http://www.starfall.com/>  
<http://pbskids.org/games/>
- Coloring and cutting materials
- Puzzles, Beading, Light Bright, Pattern Blocks, Tangrams
- Educational Games
- Tubs with independent tasks <http://www.pinterest.com/karachambers/teacch-task-ideas/>
- Discovery Education Videos <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/>
- Educational songs for students to memorize <http://www.kidsknowit.com/educational-songs/index.php?topic=Biology>

## **3-8 Ideas**

- Reading Books (Book Lists: <http://www.eagerreaders.com/cgi-bin/author.cgi> )
- Spelling Practice <https://www.spellingcity.com/>
- Writing Topics <https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/resources/writingtopics> (prompts with samples)
- Educational Computer Games [http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web\\_games\\_menu.htm](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web_games_menu.htm)
- Typing Lessons <https://www.typingclub.com/>
- Math facts <http://www.factmonster.com/math/flashcards.html>
- Copy Work
- Educational Games
- Map Work <http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Geography.htm>
- Tubs with on-going projects such as art supplies w/ lesson ideas <http://www.incredibleart.org/lessons/middle/middlelessons.html>
- Discovery Education Videos <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/>
- Spelling Practice: <https://www.spellingcity.com/>
- Music Practice
- Practice workbooks for skills that have already been learned