

THE KET SUMMER STORY CONTEST BEGINS JUNE 1!

We invite students who will be entering kindergarten, first, second, or third grade to [submit an illustrated story](#) centered on the theme “Meet the Helpers.” First, second, and third place winning stories will be selected at each grade level and winners will receive prizes.

Family, friends, and community will have the opportunity to select a “Fan Favorite” from top-placing finalists at each grade level! This online voting opportunity allows stories to be read far and wide. The online voting window will be open August 1-3.

All entries must be submitted digitally by July 24, 2020.

MENTAL HEALTH DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This professional development course launches June 1 and is a comprehensive look at mental health issues among teens and young adults, updated with resources for the coronavirus pandemic. Topics in the course include depression and anxiety, trauma and toxic stress, and mental health interventions. This course teaches how to listen and to foster connections and a sense of safety to help students, both in-person and online.

Educators can earn 1.5 hours EILA credit for successful completion of [this course](#).

ACTIVITIES FOR EXPLORING AT HOME THIS SUMMER

Our collection of printable activities encourages families with students in grades PreK-3 to spend the summer exploring and learning at home and is organized by subject area: Reading, Math, Science, Engineering and Physical Activity. We encourage districts to print and share these at their summer feeding sites – activities can be done with simple materials found at home.

From bird watching and storytelling to bingo and science experiments, [start your summer adventure now!](#)

SUMMER LEARN AT HOME PROGRAMMING & ACTIVITIES

This summer KET’s normal weekday program lineup that airs on the main KET channel from 11 am to 3 pm ET will be replaced with a special lineup containing programming specific to [at-home learning](#) for older students. A new webpage each week will include related videos and activities.

VIRTUAL PHYSICS LABS

KET’s [Virtual Physics Labs](#) mimic the real equipment as much as possible, while also adding improvements and some bonuses that would otherwise be impossible in a real lab setting. Many people choose to use these labs for in-class demonstrations, for pre-lab work, for studying, or for total lab replacement – especially with online or distance learning classes. They are currently used in many universities, colleges, and high schools all around the world. Visit virtualphysicslabs.ket.org to see all 21 labs and learn more.

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