

Some links to Online Creativity and Fun!

If you have been victim to any of my art classes, you will hear my voice in your head (apologies now!!! I promise not to sing...) that holding things in your hands and creating are some of the most important things you will do for yourself. As an art instructor, I hear so many adults tell me first off.. ""I cannot draw a straight line!"" and I am usually thrilled because rarely are we studying architecture and drawing it. Sometimes we draw buildings cause I do love old buildings (ask me about my trip to St. Paul!!) but usually, curved, sketchy, textured lines are what works best.

There is a lot to find on the Internet, tho. There are YouTube tutorials on almost every technique for drawing with a variety of media, playing so many instruments in a variety of styles, dance steps (I am still working on those!!!), writing and more. You can subscribe to YouTube Channels ([the ArtsInRockingham channel](#) has links to our events and some other fun ones we've found! And we are adding more as we find them. You can follow us there or on Google+)

Below are some fun links I've tripped over lately. My kids can attest I am not the best at video games but sometimes it is fun to play through. I've included some online links to read, some with games, some that are links to other links.. things I like. Please share your favorite links and please share your projects here in comments and [on our Facebook page](#), in [our shared gallery](#), and email images to us at info@artsinrockingham.org. We love to see and share what our creative community has been working on!

If you liked commander Keene and 8- bit theatre stuff... these old school games are fun! Catching notes, recognizing instruments and slimy green goo.

<http://www.musick8kids.com/html/funstuff.php#UvzjiCjdMUU>

links for visual art-related, sorted by age and different topics

<http://www.rcs.k12.va.us/art/links2.htm>

Art Detective game, tweak Andy Warhol's Marilyn Monroe and a few others

<http://www.incredibleart.org/links/artgames.html>

And we all know, knowledge is power. And Art and Science are best friends—because! How can you use your instrument/art supplies without knowing how they work!!!!

Here are some fun apps reviewed by one of my favorites, Mashable.

<http://mashable.com/2013/11/30/science-apps-kids/>

Adding to this conversation, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math all need the Arts to steam them up! The big loud buzz that a lot of us have known all along is the STEM (acronym for the above) concept. However, the Arts give a solid way to utilize these concepts with design, purpose and representation.

For the younger students of the world, our furry pals at Sesame Street have some online options!

<http://www.sesamestreet.org/parents/topicsandactivities/toolkits/stem#03a1521f-66a6-4db8-aab8-2e3691e448df>

As a kid I read everything available and my dad was an avid reader. The story goes, when found out I would be arriving he bought several sets of encyclopedias (books. Lots and lots of books with history, science, literature... I was reading early!!!) and I have always loved history. And the ideas of time and the concepts that so many things can happen in one space. This article and the links with maps really has attracted my attention. Maybe you'll like it too! <http://mashable.com/2013/07/01/interactive-gettysburg-map/>

This virtual tour of Versailles will only work if your computer is running Google Chrome but it is a pretty innovative tour!

<http://www.chaostoperfection.com/alternate.html?case=3>

Interested in Egyptian history and architecture? This 3-D tour has a free app to let you experience the Pyramids of Giza and includes places you would not be able to visit in the real world. Looks like the company that built this project is working on Paris next!

<http://mashable.com/2012/05/08/giza-3d/>

Fun ways to learn how to write code and blocks of code with pigs and birds!

<http://code.org/learn>

young creative writers interested in fun ways to publish, try <http://scratch.mit.edu/>

Hope you have fun with these on such cold wet days...but remember to step away from the monitor and be creative offline too! Stay warm and have fun on these special wintry days!

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