

“SPRING” INTO ACTION!

With Spring finally arriving, here are 30 things you can do – inside and outside – while you’re stuck having to spend so much time with your parents.

No matter what, take lots of pictures, and forward your favorites on to Mrs. Hunter, (509) 682-0363. We will post some favorites on our website in the “Anti-Virus Links” section.

1. **READ. READ. READ.** Everyday.
2. **THE GREAT OUTDOORS.** Hike Echo Ridge or walk around Riverwalk Park. Sunshine, fresh air, spring flowers, ducks, annoying seagulls, pesky bugs. You just can’t beat the great outdoors.
3. **THE BEACH.** Enjoy some time at Don Morse or Lakeside Park. Take those stuffy shoes off and get sand between the toes. There’s a handy big (and very cold) bath tub called Lake Chelan to clean off those toes when you’re done.
4. **CHUTES & LADDERS.** It’s classic board game, lots of numbers and ups and downs. I promise, you will love watching your parents take slide #87.
5. **RERUNS.** Does Mom and Dad have some old home videos laying around, maybe from when they were kids? Or maybe from when you were very little? Dig some out and have fun. You and your family are the stars of this reality show.
6. **FASHION SHOW.** Get Mom and Dad to clean out their closet of some clothes they want to get rid of and use them to put on a fashion show for your family. We want pictures! When you’re done you can donate them to a shelter or thrift store.
7. **FLIX NIGHT.** So the Ruby Theatre is closed. It’s okay. Doesn’t mean you can’t enjoy your favorite movie together with your family, just so long as it doesn’t have “Sponge Bob” in the name. Pop the corn, grab your favorite beverage, turn off your cell phone, dim the lights, and.....action!
8. **EGG-CITING NEWS!** Easter can’t be cancelled like school can. So on April 12, help your parents boil some eggs, and then get creative. Use crayons to make a picture, design, write your name, write numbers 1 through 10 – have fun with it. Then dip them in your favorite color. Get real tricky – draw designs on the egg with a white crayon (hard to see) and then dip it in a dark color. Put tape on parts of the egg, dip them, peel off the tape and see what you have. Wrap rubberbands around the egg before dipping.
9. **DIY.** Go to <https://pbskids.org/naturecat/diy> and pick a do-it-yourself project. Lots of great ideas to choose from!
10. **THAT’S PUZZLING.** Dust off a puzzle you enjoy building. Do you have one that is difficult? Ask a family member to help you build it together. Take a picture of it and send it to Mrs. Hunter!
11. **BUBBLING OVER WITH JOY.** Making bubbles just can’t help but put a smile on your face (and soap on your face if you blow them into the wind). If you want to make your own, check out this site. <https://www.diynetwork.com/how-to/make-and-decorate/crafts/the-two-best-homemade-soap-bubble-recipes>
12. **PET SMART.** Smart looking that is. Dress up your dog (or other pet that will put up with it) and send pictures to Mrs. Hunter.
13. **FORT NIGHT.** Use cardboard boxes, chairs, blankets, and anything else Mom will allow you to use to build a fort. Grab your sleeping bag and pillow and make a night of it.
14. **YOU SCREAM, “ICECREAM!”** This is one Dad will do with pleasure. Nothing better than homemade icecream. No better way to learn about liquids turning to solids (well, mushy solids anyway).
15. **HIDDEN TREASURE.** Jump in the car with your family and take a drive to a place I’m guessing you’ve never been. It’s called Hidden Lake. It’s 1 ½ hours from Chelan, and the hike in is 0.8 miles and mostly

flat (just jump on Dad's back). I know you can do it. We have fond memories of going there with our kids when they were little. <https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/hidden-lake-lake-wenatchee>

16. **LEGO OF MY LEGO.** If you have Legos, go crazy with them. Build something straight out of your imagination and shoot a picture of it to Mrs. Hunter. We'll post it on the website! Mr. Hunter would love to see a frog made out of Legos, so jump to it!
17. **TREAT YOURSELF.** And your family. Find your way to the kitchen (yes, the place Mom is always chasing you out of). Team up with another family member, find a recipe for a treat you can share with your family, and start your journey towards Master Chef. Bon Appétit!
18. **TREAT OTHERS.** Do you have a neighbor or grandparent who could use your help? They need some shopping done? Some spring yard work? Sharing your time is just as important as sharing your toys.
19. **MAKE THE CALL.** If you aren't able to spend time with grandma and grandpa right now, give them a call everyday and tell them about all the fun things you are doing. They will love that.
20. **COLOR MOM'S WORLD.** What's your Mom's favorite color? Find out, grab Dad, get some flowers and a small planter box, and make Mom a colorful display that will make her day!
21. **PITCH A TENT.** It's better than pitching a fit. Raise your tent in your back yard and spend an afternoon pretending you're out in the wild. It may be a bit cool at night to camp out, but it makes for a great afternoon outdoors.
22. **TAKE A RIDE.** This time of year, the local parks are a great, safe place for you to practice your bike riding skills.
23. **GET THE GIGGLES!** Okay, so you've probably already seen them all. But we are going to compile some of our favorite fun videos clips for you and anyone in your family who just needs a good old belly laugh. Hopefully you'll discover one you haven't already watched 1,000 times. Be watching the "Anti-Virus Links" page on our website.
24. **GET THE BUG.** Shutterbug that is. Get permission (and help if needed) to use a phone or camera to take pictures that remind you of springtime. It could be flowers (get the Dandelions before Dad sprays them), or an activity you are doing with your family. Send your pictures to Mrs. Hunter.
25. **GET CULTURED.** Do you know who the Marx Brothers are? Laurel and Hardy? Abbott and Costello? 3 Stooges? Ask Mom and Dad to introduce you to some of the old classics. Our kids loved them growing up.
26. **GO ALL BERT.** Seen Mary Poppins lately? Remember Bert and his chalk drawings he made that Mary and the kids would jump into? Make some chalk art magic of your own and join Mary and the kids on an adventure.
27. **GO ALL GREEN.** Get a plastic cup (okay, not so green), put some good soil in it, tape a picture of your favorite family member's face on the outside, plant some lawn, watercress, or chia seeds, place it in a window sill that gets lots of sun, keep it watered, and see what kind of hairdo they have when you're done.
28. **GO FLY A KITE.** Wind may mess up your Mom's hair, but it is needed to make your kite reach for the clouds. Don't have a kite and want to build your own? Go to <https://www.my-best-kite.com/kite-for-kids.html> for ideas.
29. **PLAY CARDS.** These can be great for learning matching. Crazy 8, Go Fish, Old Maid, Memory (good memory game – you should beat your parents at this one), maybe a simplified version of Uno (remove special cards if necessary).
30. **PLAY CATCH.** And not the bug. A ball, a frisbee, a friend (otherwise known as Tag). Maybe some basketball – "catch" some Air Jordan fever!! Okay, just showed my age.