

Holiday Activities for Virtual Classrooms

Looking to spread some cheer in your classroom, but need to keep it virtual or socially distanced? Try these activities with students to promote gratitude, creativity, and celebration.



- 1 GRATITUDE LIST**  *Grades pre-K-12*
Have each student make a list of 10 things they're grateful for, but challenge them to be specific. Instead of "my family," have them name specific character traits or moments they're thankful for. Give students some choices about how they'll present their list.
- 2 REACH OUT TOGETHER**  *Grades pre-K-12*
Choose a place or organization that works with people who might be lonely over the holidays: people in a nursing home, kids at a children's hospital, people in the armed forces. Write letters and/or draw pictures, and have students send them individually or collect the letters to send together.
- 3 HOLIDAY HUGS**  *Grades pre-K-12*
We can't really hug each other, but have students write one nice thing about each person in the class. Encourage them to go beyond appearance and focus on one thing they truly admire or appreciate about that person. Have students submit their responses to you, and then read them out loud or have students share themselves. Let students turn their cameras off while they're receiving their compliments, if they wish!
- 4 CREATE A KINDNESS CHALLENGE**  *Grades 1 - 12*
Have students make a list of ways they can show kindness to others over the holidays. Then, pick your favorite platform to collect them all in one place. Challenge students to do at least three of the suggestions and write a short paragraph or share a Flipgrid video about what they did.
- 5 TRADITIONS, OLD AND NEW**  *Grades 2 - 6*
No matter the holiday each kid celebrates, it's not likely to look like it usually does. Have kids come up with a new addition to their traditions. Maybe it's bringing food to neighbors, a board game, a movie to watch together, or a special craft. Have them share their ideas with each other.
- 6 VIRTUAL SECRET SANTA**  *Grades 3 - 12*
Assign each student a classmate and have them make a gift for that person. It can be something to send via snail mail, a poem to send over email, a game on Roblox inspired by the person -- let kids get creative!
- 7 CELEBRATION INVESTIGATION**  *Grades 5 - 12*
Let students choose and research a holiday or set of traditions other than their own. Guide them to some solid sources, and have them gather facts about the origin, significant objects, songs, and more. Students can share whole presentations or highlights about what they learned.