

## **HCA's April Vacation Activities for 4th-5th graders**

"HCA - Change Your World!"

### **Monday, April 20 - Make Art**

Make Art Inspired by Famous Artists

Go on a virtual museum tour of the [Van Gogh Museum](#), then create a [Van Gogh inspired still life](#)

**OR**

Watch Carmen Sandiego *The Duke of Vermeer Caper* (Season 1 Episode 5) on Netflix and [Create an Art "Forgery"](#).

[Draw every day with JJK @2pm](#) Join Jarrett J. Krosoczka author and illustrator Lunch Lady graphic novels for an engaging and family-friendly drawing lesson. All lessons are available on his [youtube playlist](#) for viewing anytime.

Check out [Smithsonian's Open Studio video library](#) where artist Jill Galloway teaches students how to work with a different art material every session

[Try your hand at Origami](#)

[Watch London's National Theater production of Treasure Island](#) for free until 4/22

### **Tuesday, April 21 - Earth Day - Be Inspired to Change Your World**

Watch this [Fearless Kids Around the World Episode](#) to see how a Columbian Teen is helping the Amazon Rain Forest.

[Take the Earth Day Challenge](#). Pick a few activities such as

- complete a plastic audit in your house
- repair something instead of replacing it
- plan a [Pollinator-Friendly Garden](#).

You can find 7 other eco-friendly actions you can take [here](#).

Find tips on how to be green in [this article](#) from National Geographic Kids.

Check out the baboon shenanigans or penguin perils at the [San Diego Zoo](#) with their live animal cams.

### **Wednesday, April 22 - Celebrate Storytelling**

[Make your own Zine from one sheet of paper](#).

[Make your own comic about a day in your life](#).

Write a Haiku (or many Haikus) with people from all over the world with the [Global Haiku Project](#).

Write a short story and make a [Stop Motion Video](#).

Join [Reading Rainbow's LeVar Burton](#) for a YA story for tweens and teens every Wednesday at 3 pm.

## Thursday, April 23 - Try Engineering

Create your own Rube Goldberg machine

First, get inspiration from this [OK Go video](#), then watch [this short video](#) for basic instructions or, if you need more information [TinkerLab](#) has some ideas for smaller step machines.

If you love this activity and are feeling inspired, enter the [2020 Rube Goldberg Bar of Soap Video Challenge](#).

Check out the [Kenedy Space Center Facebook](#) page for daily video lessons and activities [like this one](#) where you can make cups fly like a space shuttle and learn about The Magnus Effect.

Read about an artist who uses math to create domino displays or a fictional story about a boy who creates a robot to clean his room on [Scholastic Learn at Home](#).

## Friday, April 24 - Explore the World

[Read this story from Scholastic](#) about a miniature version of the world on display in New York City.

Explore one or 30 [Historic Landmarks from around the World](#) with Google Earth. Choose one and build your own model out of legos, cardboard, other recycled materials.

[Listen to stories from around the world](#). Compare them to folk tales you may already know. Locate their country of origin on [Google Earth](#)

Explore other cultures through food. Try cooking ethnic cuisine with [one of these kid-friendly dishes](#). (Kids, make sure you have parent permission first and have checked for any potential food allergies.)