



Dear Parents,

I am Mrs. Brooks, your child/ren's art teacher. I know things are a little crazy right now as we are all struggling to figure out how to best proceed with your child/ren's education. I am working to make art time a fun and engaging experience, with keeping in mind your stress levels at this time. I put together a list of websites with art video lessons, art computer games, art projects you can do at home, and virtual museum tours for you and your family to explore. I hope this will help you to encourage creativity in your child/ren. I hope you enjoy!

*Mrs. Brooks*

## TIPS & TRICKS FOR FINDING SAFE ART WEBSITES FOR KIDS

- **Draw or do art projects WITH your kids!** It's fun and that way you can really check out a new website yourself before you let your child use it.
- **Stay in the room.** Kids are curious and kids also accidentally click on things they don't mean to. The only way to be 100% sure they are safe on the internet is to supervise them.
- **Check out all the tabs and the ABOUT tab** on new websites. If the site talks about being designed specifically for kids, and if it's run by an actual person and not some faceless entity, you can feel a bit more secure that your child won't stumble on anything weird.
- **Proceed to YouTube with CAUTION.** Although there are many great ones, I am not recommending any art YouTube channels, because, in my opinion, YouTube can be both totally wonderful...and totally awful. And you have zero control over what's going to show up in "up next" or the related videos section on the side. If you're willing/able to subscribe to YouTube Kids that's great, but I know that

with all the seven million services we all pay for already, another one might not be in the budget. If possible, watch YouTube videos embedded in other websites instead of clicking through. And if you do choose an art lesson YouTube channel, stay nearby while your child is using it.

- Keep in mind that most ads on websites across the internet are served to a browser based on **YOUR search and browser history** and browsers can get info from cookies across accounts on all your devices. That's why if you search meal planning kits on your phone with your browser login, you're going to start seeing meal planning kit ads on your laptop and your tablet too. So if you want to keep ads appropriate, keep your own searching and browsing kid-friendly too. (Oh, and PS, around birthdays and holidays, **DON'T** search for whatever you're getting for your kids or they'll start seeing ads for that too!

## Free kids art websites

### Video lessons

<https://www.jerrysartarama.com/free-art-instruction-videos/skill-level/kids>

<https://www.artforkidshub.com/>

<https://www.redtedart.com/>

### Games

<http://toytheater.com/category/art/>

<http://scrapcoloring.com/texts/animals>

<https://kidmons.com/game/paint-online/>

### Projects

<https://www.theimaginationbox.com/>

<https://artprojectsforkids.org/>

### Virtual Tours

<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>

<https://thedali.org/virtual-tour/index.html>

<https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>

[https://www.frick.org/visit/virtual\\_tour](https://www.frick.org/visit/virtual_tour)