

HOW STUDENTS USE THE WEB

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Seasonal Activities - to do with supervision online or offline

These activities, that are sometimes also called projects, are for the student(s) to do within the classroom or at home with some supervision. Some activities are done online but most are to complete offline. Specific content at some sites will vary according to seasons and holidays.

★ indicates a top pick for locating a variety of activities.

- <http://teachers.teach-nology.com/themes/holidays/>

Holiday Based Teaching Theme Units.

Units combining links to resources within this teach-nology site as well as links to materials from other sites. Links are categorized into groups that include activities, games, crafts, recipes, vocabulary builders, worksheets, background information, webquests, and lesson plans. The fourteen units include the seasons, popular and religious holidays, and back to school. Download a Cyber-Starter Holidays Workbook with internet resources for 15 holidays. grades 1-5

- <http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/holidays.html>

Holiday Crafts.

Ideas for special "Month"s and "Week"s and multicultural holidays as well as the usual. Many projects are for younger child but require adult supervision. Some ideas link to other sites. Entering a search term in either box returns broader results not limited to this holidays section. grades preschool-8

- <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/holiday/index.shtml>

Holiday Crafts and Activities.

27 special days are arranged in alphabetical order with a number of activities for each. Craft projects use items commonly found in the home or school. There are also patterns for printouts and cards. Additional materials are available to members of the Enchanted Learning site. (\$20 annual fee). grades preschool-5

- http://www.monroe.k12.la.us/mcs/hot_list/holidays.html

Holiday Resources.

Links to Holiday Clip Art and general holiday sites, and a lengthy list of links to specific holidays from April Fool's Day to Yom Kipper. Lack of maintenance generally not a problem although there are some dead links. grades 1-8

- <http://www.theholidayzone.com/>

Holiday Zone.

Julie Vickery's site will open to holidays of the current season. Other special days are accessed from the menu on screen left. The holiday collection includes craft and language activities, poetry and songs, and annotated links to resources at other sites. grades k-6

- <http://www.alphabet-soup.net/holiday.html/>

Holidays At Alphabet Soup.

A variety of activities, recipes, and crafts as well as information about the common holidays. Special holiday lyrics using melodies of songs that children know. Includes booklists and links. grades k-3

- <http://www.holidays.net/>

Holidays on the Net.

Holiday calendars, greeting cards, crafts, blog of holiday ideas. Choosing a holiday from the list gives you its history, and various stories, puzzles, pictures, and activities. Section "Daily Holidays" lists not-so-memorable events that can be celebrated in the upcoming week. Teacher can join a mailing list to get notice of coming days to celebrate. Search the site or the Web. Bee Tip: Strong on Jewish religious holidays. grades 3-7

- **<http://www.theideabox.com/ib.php?web=seasonal>**
Idea Box.
Clicking on one of the alphabetically arranged special days leads to ideas for seasonal games, music, songs, recipes, crafts, links, stories, or printable pages. Directions and materials needed are generally clear, but navigation around ads can get confusing. Searchable. grades preschool - 3
- **<http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide/holidays.html>**
★ *Kathy Schrock's Guide to Educators: Holidays.*
Annotated list of links that represent holidays around the world and non-major American special days. Linked sites cover a wide variety of information, and further links. Listing is alphabetical by title rather than by holiday or chronological, so skim the whole list to see what's covered. Maintained. grades 2-12
- **<http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/index.html>**
Kid's Domain Holidays.
Current holiday ideas are featured. Scroll down to click on a special day and find crafts, clip art, printable pages, stories, games, giveaways, links. Grade levels are not indicated. grades 1-8
- **<http://www.kidlink.org/KIDPROJ/MCC/>**
KIDPROJ's Multi-Cultural Calendar.
Local holiday customs from around the world. Search directly for a holiday or scan index listing by month, holiday, country, or author. The conversational style of the descriptions may be a help or a hindrance depending on your use. grades 2-6
- **<http://www.kinderart.com/seasons/>**
★ *KinderART Seasonal Themes.*
Click on the month and see a listing of holidays and special designations for the month in the current year. Most of these have lesson plans for art projects, crafts, and activities. Almost all are from within the KinderART site so are not ideas that you will be finding as you check other sites. Bee Tip: Scroll down below the beginning features and you will notice that the beginning of the list is "Month of ___" designations, then each day from the first of the month is listed. So when you need a reason to celebrate... grades k-6
- **http://www.makingfriends.com/holiday_crafts.htm**
Making Friends Holiday Crafts.
Holiday crafts for decorating and gifts. Select from the major holidays list. This is one part of a crafts for kids site which includes an online store. There is a lot of advertising and many opportunities to click to other parts of the site, so navigation can be confusing. Each craft activity is displayed on a separate page, colorful and easy to read. grades preschool - 6
- **<http://www.squiglyplayhouse.com/Holidays/index.html>**
Squigly's Holiday Fun.
Students create their own pictures, games, gifts, crafts. Clear directions and accessible materials. grades k - 4
- **<http://wilstar.com/holidays/>**
Wilstar Holiday World.
Customs, music, poetry for popular holidays. "Today in history" and "how long until" are unique features for holiday sites. Online Word Search Puzzles for major holidays (requires Java-enabled browser. Also can send a holiday greeting. The teacher should do the navigation to locate the goodies for younger students and supervise older; be alert for various types of ads. grades 2-7

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