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# DIGESTIBLES FOR DISTANCE LEARNING

Small Ideas for a Big Job!

## Digestible #18

### Participatory Arts Challenges....

We keep stressing how critical it is to make sure that we **remain connected as independent school communities** during these times. The arts, both visual and performing, provide ample ways to engage and delight our families. Below, please find **two "challenges" that some schools are issuing to their communities for staying engaged through the arts.**

Alecia at AIMS

 **Georgetown Day School** 12 hrs · 🌐

We are celebrating National Poetry Month with poetry performed by GDS community members. Fifth grade teacher Bryan William's brings us back to Langston Hughes once more before we launch out into more poets this month. We hope you enjoy the reading. Stay tuned for other **#PoemsOfComfort** to follow this month. Consider contributing your own by contacting [emartinez@gds.org](mailto:emartinez@gds.org)  
**#GSDSL #PoetryMonth #poems #WordsMatter #Poetry**




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### National Poetry Month

April is [National Poetry Month](#). The Academy of American Poets share that, "more and more people are turning to poetry at this moment, because poetry and inspiring language can help bring solace and needed strength." [Georgetown Day School](#) is hosting **live and recorded poetry readings on Facebook** for their families (see image left). Here are several ideas for how you can use this timely subject matter :

- Read about [30 ways to celebrate National Poetry Month online and at home](#)
- Read about [30 ways to celebrate National Poetry Month in the virtual classroom](#)
- Participate in--or hold your own--[online initiative, Shelter in Poems](#)

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 **Indian Creek School** added 23 new photos. ...  
 Yesterday at 4:19 PM · 🌐

This week, Ms. Paz y Miño challenged her fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students to recreate a famous portrait at home. The ICS Classes of 2026, 2027,... [See More](#)



Johannes Vermeer's "Girl with a Pearl Earring"

Albert's "Portrait of a Prince"

Salvadore Dalí's "Self-Portrait"

Jan Van Eyck's "Self-Portrait"

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## Getty Museum Challenge Goes Viral

The Los Angeles-based museum, The J. Paul [Getty Museum](#), has been making headlines in the US from their Twitter-Issued challenge to "Recreate Artwork with Household Items." They were inspired by a similar challenge at the [Rijksmuseum](#) in Amsterdam. Many of our schools have likewise been inspired to participate...with hilarious results. [Indian Creek School](#) students (see left) rose to the challenge--blank circles added to protect student privacy but they're still awesome! This shared laughter is worth its weight in gold during dark times. Consider having students do this with a local museum, like the [Baltimore Museum of Art](#) or the [National Gallery of Art!](#)

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