"2020 vision is the standard used to represent perfect sight. The year 2020 is now the standard in which the world will reference and remember the seismic shift that opened (more) eyes to the disparities in health, education, social justice, politics, the environment, and COVID-19.

I know you are doing your best to be good students adapting to new ways of learning and staying healthy. And I know you miss coming to The Joyce Theater. I miss seeing your face and that of your teachers, teaching artists, siblings, parents, and the dancers. I mostly miss your laughter and wonderment at the performances. Together we’ll get through this.

Please keep safe and keep strong and healthy and keep on dancing until we meet again. I hope you enjoy my End of Year Picks!"

- Heather
“Microphone check 1,2,1,2!”

This is D.J. MizzMac and my choices for Winter Recess are dedicated to the late Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Congressman John R. Lewis, and the winter season.

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RUTH BADER GINSBURG
AND JOHN LEWIS

**Becoming RBG, Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s Journey to Justice**

By Debbie Levy and illustrated by Whitney Gardner

Step by step, the shy little girl became a child who questioned unfairness, who became a student who persisted despite obstacles, who became an advocate who resisted injustice, who became a judge who revered the rule of law, who became...RBG, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

**Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis**

By Jabari Asim and illustrated by E.B. Lewis

Even as a small child John Lewis "was a doer, and instead of just dreaming, he practiced with a captive audience: the chickens on his family farm." *Preaching to the Chickens* is a sweet and funny snippet from the childhood of John Lewis who "dreamed of being a preacher, moving crowds to action with the power of his sermons," and later became a prominent civil rights leader.
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They both wrote autobiographies:

**My Own Words**
by Ruth Bader Ginsburg

**Across That Bridge: A Vision for Change and the Future of America**
by John Lewis
They both had documentary films about their lives:


*RBG* is the unique personal journey of this diminutive, quiet warrior’s rise to the nation’s highest court has been largely unknown, even to some of her biggest fans – until now. *On the Basis of Sex* which tells an inspiring and spirited true story on how Ginsburg with her husband Marty bring a groundbreaking case before the U.S. Court of Appeals and overturn a century of gender discrimination.
Ms. Heather’s Top 8 Things to Do Over Winter Recess

1. **Holiday Happy Song**

I’ve made this Target Christmas ad my “Holiday Happy Song” ever since it debuted in 2010. I love the energetic kids and reverse-action camera work. Click here to see Toy Jackpot. This year I’m determined to learn all the lyrics rapped by Blackalious with the help of this YouTube clip. The music is sampled from an Italian brass band!

2. **Rock N’ Learn**

I confess, when I want to learn a new language I automatically go to a website for kids. I like Rock n’ Learn. The colorful animations and short videos teach French, Spanish, Japanese, and Korean. No passport required!
Calling all word nerds (like me). Do know the origin of the words pajamas or coyote? You’ve got to try Merriam Webster’s Where in the World quiz and see how you rank. They have other quizzes too. Challenge a friend!

If you find yourself in Washington D.C., make plans to visit the Planet Word Museum. Their exhibits look exciting and you can attend the special events online.
Even though the National Museum of Mathematics in New York City is currently closed, it is still offering online events and fun classes for the number lovers of all ages. Ever play Magical Mind Boggle? Or tried a Mathematical Trick? There’s even help for your parents!

Play Sporcle Party with your friends and family. It’s a trivia game with topics on sports, movies, geography, etc. that you can play online or in person. Look for Sporcle in your app store and start with the free category packs. It’s addictive.
Get ready for the streaming of The Hip-Hop Nutcracker. Just like the original, in The Hip Hop Nutcracker, Maria-Clara, and the Nutcracker Prince go on a dream adventure battling a gang of mice, visiting the land of sweets and learning the lessons of the holiday season. Innovative digital graffiti and visuals transform the landscape of E.T.A. Hoffmann’s beloved story from traditional 19th Century Germany to the vibrant, diverse sights and sounds of contemporary New York City. Here's a sneak peek.

Stream times are:
Friday, December 18 - 7:30pm EST
Saturday, December 19 - 7:30pm EST
Sunday, December 20 - 3pm EST

$25 per household. Reserve your virtual ticket today!
2020 has definitely been a year of challenges of every kind. But there’s nothing like the one our summer intern Brenna created for you! Check our Brenna’s Dance Challenge!

Her 35 seconds of choreo to “Moon” by BTS helps you say bye-bye to 2020 and hello to 2021. Click here for Brenna’s Breakdown Video to see the tutorial.

Try it with your friends and family, and don’t forget to tag us @thejoycetheater! We may just feature your fabulous dancing on our Instagram page!
THANK YOU FOR TUNING IN!