Family Letter

Reading Activities: I have written book suggestions for each day that relate to our farm topic. You can also read any book that your child is interested in. I will be recording myself reading each day through videos that the children can watch.

-As you read with the children. Please ask the children the

following questions. You can ask one or all.

1. What does an author do?
2. What does an illustrator do?
3. Who are the characters in the story?
4. What happened at the beginning, middle, and end?
5. Where does the story take place?
6. What was your favorite part?
7. What do you think will happen next? (randomly pause doing the story to ask this question)
8. Draw a picture of something or someone from the book.

\*Don’t forget to write down the books you read.

-Scholastic link: [**www.scholastic.com/learnathome**](http://t.message.scholastic.com/r/?id=h42c75a5c,3a44833f,adb0a7d6&ET_CID=20200313_SLP_LearnAtHome_TCH_ACQ_28321&ET_RID=1120361052&p1=20200313)

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1. And explore

-Storytime Online link: <https://www.storylineonline.net/>

This website offers free books read by famous people.

Writing/Language: These activities are planned to help support their writing, communication, and letter skills. I have provided the children with crayons and a piece of chalk in their home bags from school. The crayons are broken in half to promote and support the children’s hand grasp on them. This will help them hold the materials in the tripod grasp (holding the crayon with ¾ finger support). Also within their home bags are copies of the activities for the children to complete. I will post videos of myself practicing letter and letter sounds using our Lively Letter program and myself writing using our Handwriting without Tears program. You can utilize an online program called Starfall that helps promote letter and letter sound skills. I am also sending home Color by Letter pages for fun.

-Starfall link: <https://www.starfall.com/h/abcs/index.php>

1. Click on any letter.
2. To navigate click on the different sparkly buttons such as the letters and arrows.
3. Once you complete a letter, color that letter in on the starfall letter chart.

(\*The children have been using this in class.)

-Build a Letter: Have children use their blue

construction paper, big/small lines, and big/small curves to make different uppercase letters. The letters are made starting at the smiley face on the construction paper. They have been practicing in class.

-Practice handwriting: These activities can be done using a wide range of materials. The children can use and/or write in…

1. Crayons
2. Chalk
3. Sand
4. Flour
5. Sugar
6. Shaving Cream

-Look and Find: Using the binoculars from the home bag,

look for letters in your home or outside. Color in the letters on the Look and Find Letters worksheet as you see them.

-Practice handwriting: These activities can be done using a wide range of materials. The children can use and/or write with crayons, chalk, sand, flour, sugar, shaving cream, and playdoh.

Math: These activities involve sorting, counting, more/less, colors, shapes, and numbers. The lettuce and carrot counting can be completed using the pages provided or by using items around the house to count These activities involve sorting, counting, more/less, colors, and numbers. There will be a Look and Find Colors, a Look and Find Shapes, and a Look and Find Numbers page that is completed the same way as the Look and Find Letters.

-Sorting: The children can use any materials you have on hand for these activities. They can sort by color, shape, and size. Some material examples are…

1. Legos
2. Blocks
3. Coins
4. Magnets
5. Silverware

-Do-A-Dots: These can be found in your home bag. Color the indicated number

of dots for each row.

Art: I have provided templates for the activities that I planned where our remote learning has changed. If we are able in the coming weeks to deliver materials the items will be in their home bags. Where bags are not being delivered at this time, there are options written on how each page with how you could complete the activities. The options are 1.) Print, cut pieces out of colored paper, and glue the pieces together. 2) Print, color, and glue pieces together. 3.) Draw a picture. Choose the best option that works for your family. Some other art activities you could do at home are…

1. Practice cutting by cutting different things from magazines or construction paper. Then glue what you have cut out onto paper to make a collage.
2. Play with playdough/kinetic sand.
3. Paint a picture.
4. Color in a coloring book.

Music and Movement: These are suggestions to keep the children moving and engaged in activities to promote gross and fine motor control.

-Dances: These can be found on youtube. I have included the links on the

planning sheets.

-Name Movements: This is an activity where the children complete different

movements based on how they spell their names. See Name Yoga Guide in the home bag.

-Songs: I have provided the lyrics in the home bag.

Explore and Play: These are ideas to help stimulate your child's imagination and promote cooperation through games and pretend play. Learning through play is one of the best tools to help children grow and learn. In other words, just have fun. Your imagination is the limit. As always, play outside or inside as often as you can.

-There are also different scavenger hunt pages that you can complete as a

Family in your home bag.

Other activities: We normally do a large group meeting each day. During this meeting we review the calendar and weather. We will continue to complete the calendar and weather during our Zoom Meetings. You can also complete them on your own if you wish.

-Months of the Year link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOY5YuBgUHg>

(\*It to the tune of the Macarena with each movement of the dance matching the

Macarena.)

-Days of the Week link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKqAblcwFOA>

(\*It is to the tune of the Adam’s Family.)

Other Resources:

-PBS Kids: Has games and activities that are free for children to do

Link: <https://pbskids.org/>

-The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden Facebook page is doing daily virtual tours so you can see and learn about different animals. While the Cincinnati Zoo is closed and kids are home from school, let us help make your children’s hiatus from school fun and educational. Join us for a Home Safari Facebook Live each weekday at 3pm where we will highlight one of our amazing animals and include an activity you can do from home. Join us starting Monday, March 16 at 3pm for our first Home Safari- featuring Fiona!

-Different state parks are offering virtual tours. Just click the park link on the website to discover a new adventure each day.

Link: <https://totallythebomb.com/heres-33-national-park-tours-you-can-take-virtually-from-the-comfort-of-your-home>

-GoNoodle: Is a great resource for different movement songs and activities.

Link: [www.Gonoodle.com](http://www.gonoodle.com)

-Lively Letter app for devices: Free download off google or apple play which helps teach letter and letter sound identification.

-The San Diego Zoo has a website just for kids with amazing videos, activities, and games. Enjoy the tour!

Link: <https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/>

-Walk through the Boston Children’s Museum thanks to Google Maps!

This virtual tour allows kids to explore 3 floors of fun.

Link: <https://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org/museum-virtual-tour>

-100+ Free Video Read Alouds of Story

Link: <https://www.indypl.org/blog/for-parents/free-video-read-alouds>

-Storyline Online: famous people reading stories

Link: <https://www.storylineonline.net/>

-Scholastic link is offering free access to different books and learning activities

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-Starfall: Provides some learning activities online including letters, songs, and math

Link: <https://www.starfall.com/h/index-kindergarten.php?mg=k>

-Handwriting Without Tears: This is the program we use in our classroom to help teach letters and letter formation. They are offering free access to their online program after you create an account.

*Pre-K Interactive Teaching Tool (Pre-K)*

*Get Set for School for Pre-K comes to life with an abundance of exciting and engaging multimedia options. With this digital platform you can access activity books, lessons, demonstrations of letter and number formations, music, videos, stories, and more. Platform flexibility allows you to use an interactive white board, a laptop or a tablet.*

Link: <https://www.lwtears.com/programs/distance-learning>