



Let's keep learning and growing even if we can't do it together at school!

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<p>Literacy: Have someone read you a story then draw a picture of your favorite part, but add yourself to the picture. What you would do if you were in the story?</p> <p>Math: Count how many light switches are in your house. How many light bulbs? Are they the same or different? Why?</p> <p>Science: Get a cookie sheet and some small items that are round or cylindrical (such as a ball, an apple, a toilet paper tube, a dowel, plastic cup); elevate the cookie sheet on a slant vertically- lean it against a couple of cans or a stack of books and roll the items down the flat side. Which go the furthest? What happens if you change the angle of the slant?</p> <p>Creativity: Save a box from the recycle bin and use paper, glue and whatever else you can find to turn it into a toy – maybe a robot, a game or a play house complete with dolls and furniture – WHATEVER YOU CAN THINK UP!</p> <p>Active Play: move from one side of your yard to the other in different ways – hop, crawl, dance, leap frog, skip, etc.</p>	<p>Literacy: Write a rainbow name- write your name in large letters on a piece of paper and then trace around them, using the colors of the rainbow in order – red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple</p> <p>Math: Match up the numbers from the different suits in a deck of cards</p> <p>Science: Get a dish pan, a pitcher of water, 3 small clear containers and some blue & yellow food coloring; add a little water to 2 containers; add 1 drop of blue to one, & 1 drop of yellow to the other and stir; mix them together in the 3rd container – what happened? Dump that water out into the dishpan, and start over, but this time use 1 drop blue & 2 drops of yellow...continue until you have made the perfect shade of green. What is the perfect proportion of blue to yellow?</p> <p>Creativity: Collect everything green you can find and make a green collage</p> <p>Active Play: collect 10 objects in a basket and have someone hide them in the back yard, then go find them; now you hide them and let someone else find them!</p>	<p>Literacy: Pick a book you have never read & try to tell the story just by looking at the pictures; have someone read it to you; were you close to figuring out the actual story?</p> <p>Math: get 10 boxes/cans of food from the cabinets and sort them into boxes & cans, how many of each? Now sort them again in different ways – how did you sort them & how many in each category?</p> <p>Science: Take a piece of scotch tape or packing tape and wrap it STICKY SIDE OUT around your pant legs. Now go run around the backyard 5 minutes, maybe even roll on the ground. Come in & cut the tape off, looking carefully at what you collected on your "nature walk".</p> <p>Creativity: Cut some vegetables in half and use as stampers with paint to make designs on paper or paper plates. You can make some paint by mixing up flour or cornstarch with a little water and food coloring.</p> <p>Active Play: Move to a YouTube exercise video, try Fit Factor Kids Exercise or Greg and Steve Listen and Move.</p>	<p>Literacy: Look through a circular & highlight a letter A, then a B, until you have found the entire alphabet;</p> <p>Math: Put 10 coins in a cup and pour them out on the table. How many are heads up and how many are tails up? Write it down and repeat 4 more times. Did you have more coins land on heads or tails?</p> <p>Science: Put an inch or two of water in a dish pan or bin and add a couple of drops of dish soap; stir it with a spoon and see how many bubbles you can make; try again with a fork, a whisk, a pastry brush or any other kitchen utensils you want to try. Which one worked best? Why do you think that was?</p> <p>Creativity: Draw one dot on 5 sheets of paper, then turn each dot into a different picture. How did you decide what to make the dots into?</p> <p>Active Play: Blow up a balloon, beach ball or just ball up a pair of socks; how many times can you toss it in the air and catch it with both hands without dropping it? How about with 1 hand?</p>	<p>Literacy: Go online and listen to 2 books – How are they the same? How are they different?</p> <p>Math: Get out your legos or any other building toy and make a list of how tall or long things are around your house; how many legos tall are YOU?</p> <p>Science: Make your own playdough: mix 1 cup of flour, ½ cup salt, ¼ cup water and 2 tablespoons of oil in a large bowl, and then knead until smooth; store it in a Ziploc bag; you can add food coloring or kool aid or jello powder to the water to color it if you want;</p> <p>Creativity: Draw a map of your bedroom, drawing in where all the furniture and toys are; try drawing a map of your back yard next!</p> <p>Active Play: play target Frisbee with food container lids, using paper plates, laundry baskets or towels as targets;</p>
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Celebrating Family Time Newsletter Volume 1

<p>Have you seen the Jimmy Fallon “Home Edition”? Just like the rest of us, The Tonight Show is practicing social distancing, so Jimmy is recording broadcasts from his NY home. His wife is the camera crew, one daughter played the opening theme song and his other daughter adds hand drawn graphics! They are short but funny and could spark some discussions about how even the folks on TV have to figure out how to deal with this situation.</p>	<p>Here are some educational websites appropriate for young children to explore with their families: pbskids.org highlightskids.com storytimefromspace.com treehousetv.com scholastic.com abcya.com nationalgeographickids.com stevespanglerscience.com</p>	<p>Want to share some science with the kids and combine it with dinner? At Joey D’s Pizzeria you can pick up a DIY pizza kit for \$10, including dough, cheese and sauce, so you can make your own pizza at home. Call ahead and they will do curbside delivery so you don’t have to take the kids into the store. The Toms River location is 1311 Rt 37 West and in Brick they are located at 990 Cedar Bridge Avenue. Mangia!!</p>
<p>Enjoy story time with Josh Gad, the voice of Olaf! Josh Gad, a father of two, understands how it feels to be trapped inside with little ones. “Since we’re all stuck at home right now, I figured we would have a little fun together,” Gad posted on Instagram last week. You can watch Josh read stories every day live on Twitter, and you can watch the recorded versions as well. We think he deserves a warm hug!</p>	<p>Want to make your own hand sanitizer? Mix 3/4 cup 99% rubbing alcohol with 1/4 cup aloe vera gel; add 1 tablespoon vitamin E oil and a couple of drops of your favorite essential oil; store in a recycled hotel size shampoo or conditioner bottle (you know you have some in your cabinet LOL)</p>	<p>Ready for family movie time? Disney Plus has released Frozen 2 several months ahead of time to support families who are at home with their children. This is a really good time to “let it go” and snuggle up for a family movie night. The STARZ network is offering a 3 month subscription for only \$5, and shows can be streamed or downloaded on up to 4 devices at the same time. Get the popcorn ready!</p>

