

Parent Newsletter December 2020

Dear Students and Families,

We hope everyone is staying safe and feeling well! We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! We know this is a difficult time for all, and it is not how we wanted our holiday season to start.

Please know that we are thinking of all of you during this time. We miss seeing you and your children every day! Please remember that during this stressful time, your children may also be feeling anxious and confused. While it is important for your children to continue learning and exploring during this time, it is also important that your children feel assured that they are loved and safe. We encourage you to follow the schedule the teachers have shared with your children at home. A scheduled and structured day will make it easier for you and for them. Children also thrive when there is a schedule and they know what to expect throughout the day. Feel free to modify the asynchronous times to fit your needs.

Continue to log onto the scheduled Zoom meets and Seesaw daily. Seesaw will be updated everyday by your child's teacher with activities for you and your child to complete at home together.

Below you will also find tips, activities, and links to various educational songs/websites that you can use with your child. Please continue reading and playing with your child each day!

Please remember that we are here as a resource for both you and your child. Feel free to contact Gloria, your child's teacher, or me if you have ANY questions, concerns, and comments. We are all in this together. Jennifer.coggio@cchrs.org, gloria.guerra@cchrs.org. Thank you for your continued support.



Sincerely, Mrs. Coggio

Gloria Guerra



Websites

NYS Office of Early Learning

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/earlylearning/>

Curriculum

Second Steps

www.secondstep.org

Creative Curriculum

<https://teachingstrategies.com/solutions/teach/preschool-2/>

Engage NY Math

<https://www.engageny.org/mathematics>

Educational Story/Online Time/Craft Time

www.seesaw.com

www.ABCMouse.com (Free for the first 30 days)

www.Starfall.com

www.Storylineonline.net

www.Education.com/games/preschool

www.brainpop.com

www.amazingeducationalresources.com

www.gonoodle.com

www.abcy.com

www.schooltube.com

www.gonoodle.com

<https://www.tumblemath.com>

www.animalmathpreschoolgames.com

Family Engagement

<http://www.truceteachers.org/family-play-plans.html>

<https://www.childcareland.com/>

Article about Corona Virus

<https://hechingerreport.org/stuck-at-home-with-young-kids-due-to-the-coronavirus-heres-what-to-do-and-not-to-do/>



Daily Schedule

Time	Activity
8:00-9:00	Breakfast, Play (blocks, puzzles, play doh etc.)
9:00-9:30	Morning Meeting (virtual Zoom)
9:30-10:00	snack
10:00-11:00	Read Aloud (virtual Zoom)
11:00-12:00	Outdoor fresh air (ride a bike, go for a walk, playground, etc) Keep social distance!
12:00-12:30	Lunch
12:30-1:00	Literacy: practice letters, practice writing name (flash cards, worksheets, games, phonic songs, Sesaw, play doh, draw a picture)
1:00-2:00	Literacy / Math Mini Lesson (Virtual Zoom)
2:00-3:00	Technology time (Seesaw, Engage in free educational websites)

Center Time

Allow your child to use this time for imaginative play time. Play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength. Play is important to healthy brain development. It is through play that children at a very early age engage and interact in the world around them.

Play Ideas for parents

Read stories and nursery rhymes

Play hide and seek, Dressing up, do a puzzles, card game

Go for a walk - listen to different sounds e.g. birds, cars, footsteps, animal noises, find different surfaces to walk on, eg. lawn, gravel, leaves

Gardening (especially digging, watering)

Helping prepare a meal

Have a picnic

Painting with sponges and toothbrushes. Mix paint with a little detergent and use a sponge to make bubbly effects.

Songs and dancing together

Pretend play - let the child decide who will play which role and make the rules

Kicking and throwing balls

Washing the car

Letting the child help with the housework