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School Closure Update

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Hello PreK families,

We will miss seeing your children everyday in the classroom and we will be praying you all stay healthy! As Megahan stated, we will be available to support you remotely so please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need additional support.

Scholastic ordering is on hold until we resume school. Please disregard the **April 3rd** due date.

Below are some suggestions for activities you can do with your child while we are out of school to keep them engaged in learning. If you need additional resources or have any questions please let us know!

Language Arts

Practice letters and letter sounds. Students have learned letters through R but you can help familiarize them with all 26! There are many ways to make this fun and engaging that incorporate other subject areas as well as play. Use playdough, let your child practice writing letters in shaving cream, go to the beach and write letters in wet sand, have students collect items from around the house that start with the letter you are working on. Write letters to friends or grandparents and explain how a post office works. Read, read, read! Engage in open-ended conversations around the books you share with your child. Let your child create their own book and have them "read" it to family members. Storytelling cards or dice on Amazon are a great way to involve all family members in imaginative storytelling.

Play-Doh

Creating letters with playdough allows children to feel the alphabet...literally. As they squeeze, roll, and bend the playdough to form uppercase and lowercase letters, children don't even realize they're gaining important pre-reading skills. Students can also form numbers and make objects (for example, rolled balls) to practice counting.

Math

One thing we never do in PreK is tell a student they are wrong if they give an incorrect answer. Instead, we use language like, "Can you show me how you came up with that answer?" We want students to think rather than build anxiety or fear around math. Here are some suggestions for activities you can do with your child to practice topics we have already covered. Practice counting, gather objects into two groups and have them tell you which has "more or less." Practice tallying, writing numbers, representing numbers in different ways. Simple card games like "war" and using dice are also great learning tools. Explain measurements and weights and let students use rulers or scales to measure and weigh objects around the house. Have a LEGO challenge and incorporate literacy by asking your child to count out a set number of LEGO'S and create something that starts with the letter you are working on.

Science

Some of the links below have simple and fun science experiments you can do at home with your child. Baking together is a great way to incorporate math/science. Spend time outside exploring local parks and beaches. Give them a screwdriver and let them take apart old electronics to see how things work. Make a leprechaun trap and let us know if you catch one! Plant seeds and have your child observe and record the plant's growth while we are out. Encourage them to ask questions about the world around them.

Social

Let your child be helpful around the house. Teach them to set the table, help with the cooking and cleanup after a meal. Teach them to use tools, teach them to match socks in the laundry. Give them multistep directions to follow. Play board games, create a store, play school and let your child be the teacher, have dance parties, do yoga, teach and model empathy, love them and let them know their teachers and friends are looking forward to learning together in the classroom as soon as we are able!

Vooks

Vooks is a great resource to use in the home with your children. Vooks is a streaming library of ad-free, kid-safe animated read-aloud storybooks, trusted by teachers and enjoyed by millions of children around the world every week. It is an entire library of storybooks, brought to life, to help encourage the love of reading. You can sign up for Vooks and use the take-home resources to help keep your children reading 20 minutes a day during the school closure.

Sign Up Link:

www.vooks.com/parent-resources

Here are additional online resources we love:

<https://lifeovercs.com/>

<https://www.adabofgluewilldo.com/free-printables/>

<https://thestemlaboratory.com/kindergarten-stem-activities/>

<https://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/education/blog/simple-stem-activities-for-kids/> Fun and easy science projects you can do at home with your child.

<https://www.pre-kpages.com/literacy/>

<https://funlearningforkids.com/literacy-activities/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVcQH8A634mauPrGbWs7QIQ> Our students love Jack Hartman and his letter videos!

<https://www.abcmouse.com/abt/homepage?8a08850bc2=T2913005930.1583773513.9671> 30 day free subscription available.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/scishowkids> Engaging science channel for students.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
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