

Hello Families,

Are you enjoying this extended spring break? Who ever thought that when we said goodbye to the children on March 5 & 6 that we could be ending the school year this way? I have struggled to wrap my lesson ideas, philosophies of how young children learn best, state mandates and my own emotions around how I best meet the needs of my students and work with your families through this difficult time.

I am sending work that is familiar to the children in packets with a work slip. Every morning during the Great Period the children are accustomed to working for 1-2 hours independently completing these work slips.

Options for parents helping their children with schoolwork at home:

1. They complete the work and then you correct it and review it with them. Then initial the box. They move on to the next subject.
2. Complete the sheets together at their pace. Initial each box as they complete the subject.
3. Teach the lesson then have the child complete the lesson.
4. I encourage you to limit your child to only complete the lessons assigned per day and explore other hands on and family activities.

You can complete the lessons at your child's and your family's pace. But you may find the work slip helpful in setting a routine and keeping your child accountable for continuing to practice their skills.

We will be using the <https://web.seesaw.me/> to communicate with our families and for you to communicate with us. As teachers we are expected to communicate with families daily, so please check the website for updates and lessons. We hope to have video lessons to help teach future lessons. You should have all received an email invite asking you to join. Check your trash.

We suggest these sites for kids' computer activities:

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

<https://www.abcmouse.com/abt/homepage>

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

The kindergarten students will be using: <https://www.mobymax.com/> for practicing reading and math skills. You should have received an email invite to join. Next, they need to log in and take an assessment in math and reading by April 3. After that they can log in and practice skills. (cross your fingers this all works). We will be able to track their progress and minutes of practice.

If any of this is too much that's OK. Just skip to the next item and maybe try another day or it just might not work for your family.

We pray that your family is safe and healthy.

Mrs. Tritz & Mrs. Cline

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