



Special Edition Newsletter

SURVIVING COVID-19 TOGETHER

We know there's a lot to take in right now. Social distancing and self-quarantine are just two examples of this new "normal" we're all trying to wrap our heads around. We are in an unprecedented time, but we can make it through. We're all in this **together!** We hope you find the ideas in our Special Edition newsletter helpful to you and your family.

Please visit our website, abconnections.pa.com, to download a free social story, Staying Safe and Healthy Amid the Coronavirus. You can use this story to help explain what COVID-19 is to your little ones and to start a conversation about it with them.



SPEECH TIPS AND TRICKS



- Work on following directions by having your child complete the simple everyday tasks with you such as laundry.
- Work on following directions by completing crafts or following recipes for slime, sensory bottles, or even fun snacks.
- Multi-Sensory activities are great for building language and keeping little ones busy. Mix items such as rice, beans, cotton balls, & toys together in one bin and let your little one explore. Model language throughout, talk about how things feel, what you see (colors, shapes). Hide items in the bin and play I Spy! This can entertain your little ones for a long time! Look up sensory bins on the internet and create them together!
- Finally, never underestimate the power of story time!!



THERE ARE SO MANY AMAZING RESOURCES AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW THAT IT'S HARD TO KEEP TRACK OF EVERYTHING. BELOW IS A LIST OF RESOURCES THAT YOU CAN ACCESS WHILE WE ARE HOME-SCHOOLING AND PRACTICING "SOCIAL DISTANCING."

Reading:

Oxford Owl: www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/

Word World: www.wordworld.com/apps-and-games/

PBS Reading Games: www.pbskids.org/games/reading/

Storyline: www.storylineonline.net

ReadWorks: www.readworks.org

Star Fall: www.starfall.com

NewsELA: www.natgeokids.com

Squiggle Park: www.squigglepark.com

National Geographic Kids: www.natgeokids.com

Sports Illustrated Kids: www.sikids.com/

Art:

Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems: <https://www.kennedy-center.org/mo-willems>

Livestream Activities Calendar:

Visit <http://bit.ly/3aV9Xrp> for a list of livestream activities created by Michelle Jones, a 3rd grade teacher at PS9 Sarah Anderson School. This calendar is broken down into days and times and is extremely helpful to keep track of what is available!

Educational Programs:

ABC Mouse, Early Learning Academy: www.ABCmouse.com/redeem (code: SCHOOL7771)

ReadingIQ: www.ReadingIQ.com/redeem (code: SCHOOL7771)

Adventure Academy: www.AdventureAcademy.com/redeem (code: SCHOOL7771)

Scholastics Learn From Home: www.scholastic.com/learnathome

Switcheroo Zoo: www.switcheroozoo.com

Star Fall: www.starfall.com

Fun Brain: www.funbrain.com

Suessville: www.seussville.com

ABC Ya: www.abcya.com

Highlights Kids: www.highlightskids.com

Just For Fun:

YouTube has great videos to help children get up and move and release their energy. Here are a few suggestions:

Shake Your Sillies Out

Going on Bear Hunt

Jump Up Bend Down

Stand Up Sit Down

Pop See Ko



DIY MINI-GOLF

This a great indoor or outdoor activity!Mini-golf is a SUPER FUN game for all ages. This is a great activity for the entire family.*And* there are sooooo many different ways to play. You can have various themes (i.e Animal Theme and use all those stuffed animals you have!) You can use anything around the house. Pictures below use everyday household items such as: soda cases, binders, yoga mat,

books, canned foods. We used painters tape to tape the paper cup in place. Creating the courses is as much fun as playing the courses! You can adjust the courses according to age/level. For example, use a larger ball (ex: wiffle ball, tennis ball) for a toddler to help them feel more successful. Improvise with anything!Don't have a golf club? Use a hockey stick or even a broom!



As an added bonus, you will also be working on so many skills while having fun!Skills such as: turn-taking, waiting, following directions, identifying numbers and even prepositions!

Design, build and most importantly HAVE FUN!!!!!!

