Dear Families,

We hope everyone is staying healthy during this time away from school. Below, are a few suggestions of different activities you can do with your child to help them continue to learn and grow at home. In addition to the activities that are mentioned, continue to practice counting, go over simple shapes, have your child practice to write or trace their name, and talk about colors throughout the day.

**Gross Motor Activities:** You can play “Freeze Dance” with your child by playing some of their favorite songs and encouraging them to get moving through dance. One song the children love to dance to is a song called “Choosy Cha Cha”. In addition to that, you can create an obstacle course challenge in your house by using pillows, chairs, etc. Children can work on developing those gross motor skills and get some energy out at the same time.

**Literacy Activities:** Continue to read to your child daily to help them develop those important language and listening skills. A great website that can be used to read to the children is Storyline Online if you run out of books to read. A literacy activity you can do at home is to choose a “letter of the day” and focus on that letter throughout the day. We do this at school, and it is a great way to help your child learn the alphabet. You can talk about words that start with that letter, have your child practice writing it, and hang that letter up somewhere it is visible for the day.

**Math Activities:** Throughout the day when your child is playing and during meal time, you can practice counting. Whether you have your child count how many cars they have or how many goldfish they are eating for example, it gives them the chance to practice one to one correspondence. Another activity you can do with your child is have them sort items based on either color or type of object. You can use Legos or any other small object to practice this skill.

**Art Activities:** If you have any newspapers or magazines lying around, you can have your child with your help/supervision, cut out different pictures or images they like and glue them onto a piece of paper to make a collage. Another activity that you can do with your child is taking a paper towel or toilet paper tube, and use those to make tunnels for cars, or you can even have your child color them and tape them together to make binoculars.

Hope these activities give you some ideas of how you can help your child to continue to learn at home. Stay well and be safe!

Miss Sandy - Miss Alexa - Miss Kaitlyn - Miss Huriye