Dear Families,

We hope everyone is continuing to stay healthy during this time away from school. Please continue to practice handwashing with your child on a daily basis.

**Gross/Fine Motor Activities:** You can do “shadow play” with your child either indoors or outdoors. Have your child look for their shadow near a window or outdoors on the ground. Encourage them to jump, hop, run, and make shadow puppets. Talk to your child about what a shadow is, and talk about when it happens (Does it happen on sunny days? Rainy days? Cloudy days?). A fine motor activity you can do indoors with your child involves them fitting lids on containers. Provide your child with a bag full of containers and lids and have your child try to find the lid that fits on the proper container. You can also put objects in the containers and play “Guess what is inside the container”.

**Literacy Activities:** A literacy activity that you can with your child involves a “bag full of surprises”. This is a great activity to help them develop language skills. Use an old bag or shopping bag and put household and school objects inside the bag (i.e. soap, gloves, spoons, cups, crayons, pencils, playdough, etc.). Have your child put hand into the bag and take out one object at a time. Encourage them to talk about what it is, how you use it, etc. Another literacy activity you can do with your child is “magazine cutting”. Provide your child with old magazines and scissors. Have your child cut out and glue the images they choose to a piece of paper. Ask your child to explain why they picked each picture.

**Math Activities:** Play “Tic Tac Toe” with your child and show them how to make the patterns for the game. Have them pick “X” or “O” and encourage them to make the letters, if not provide the “X’s” and “O’s”. Play and discuss that it is okay to win or lose. Chart the results and reward them for playing appropriately. Another math activity involves the use of cereal boxes. Cut out the front of cereal boxes where the image is. Cut that front section into puzzle shaped pieces and put it back together with your child.

**Art Activities:** An art activity you can do this week is to make a Mother’s Day Card. Have your child practice writing the word “Mom” and have them draw a picture. Write on the card “I love when my mom...” and encourage them to share their idea and have them write it if possible. If they need help, you can have them copy a pre-written message of what they said or write it down yourself.

**Online Resources/Songs**

- **Storyline Online** (Recorded Read Alouds)

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!

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