Greetings Family, First and foremost I hope all of you are safe during this Terrible pandemic. We miss the children dearly and hopefully things can get better so we can go back to our normal schedule and have the children back in school. There are times when we have to stay at home, it could be a rainy day, or something so unexpected like the pandemic quarantine and stay home lock downs! However, we can make the best of our stay at home days and do things together that are inspiring and enriching for children and everyone in the family.

**Reading Beyond the Classroom**

Learning to read doesn’t just happen in the classroom, no matter how good a teacher or reading program is. Parents play a crucial role in helping children learn to read. Your child may need a little encouragement to begin reading and to become a successful reader. Here are some activities you can do with your children:

- Make an alphabet book with your child
- Play Alphabet Hunt around the home.
- Read one of your child’s favorite book together

Teach them to write with methods that go beyond pencil and paper. Get messy!

- Use play dough to shape letters or draw letters in shaving cream. I guarantee you they will be entertained!!

**Math at home**

Math is an easy subject to teach because it is all around us. Children don’t need worksheets for math, they should learn through play and hands on. Let make math fun!

- Our future math whiz can get a future head start on number recognition. Play “I spy” Look for digits around the house. Have the children roam around the house and find numbers!
- Use color tapes and pom poms to practice sorting. Use different color tape, tape them on the floor and have the children find the same color pom poms and place them in your tape. (suggestion: use the tape and make shapes out of them, ex; square, circle, triangle)

**Art**

You may be wondering how you can extend your child’s creative abilities at home.

- Your child should be free to express themselves creatively with the materials they have at hand.
- Find some scrap paper and materials around the home and design a collage.

**Encourage your child to wash hands daily!**

- Ms. Rebecca, Ms. Linyan, Mrs. Roaa