Greetings to all. We hope that this newsletter finds everyone healthy and happy. Hopefully you have settled into a routine that works for you and your family.

While the Governor’s executive order is to Stay Safe, Stay Home it’s important that you get out and move at least 20 minutes each day, weathering permitting. Just remember social distancing (keep 6 feet apart), no large group gatherings and practice good hand washing (20 seconds using soap and water).

We hope you find the following activities enjoyable.

- Take a walk outside and collect ten rocks and ten sticks (or acorns or pine cones). Lay the collection in a row. Ask your child which has more. Don’t be surprised if your child chooses the item that is bigger in size. Then match each rock to each stick so your child can see they are equal amounts. (Math/Gross Motor).

- Begin a treasure collection. While outside encourage your child to begin a collection of his/her interest (rocks, leaves, sticks). This will help develop his/her personal taste as well as staying with a project over a period of time. (Science/Math/Gross Motor).

- Sing the following to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb” using your child’s name and an animal (fruit/vegetable) that begins with the same letter of your child’s name. (Ellie) has an (elephant, elephant, elephant). (Ellie) has an (elephant), it follows (her) around. (Literacy).

- Salty letters: Pour table salt on a baking tray. Write a letter that is in your child’s name. First have your child name the letter and then have your child write the letter in the salt tray. (Literacy).

- Raised Salt Painting: Supplies needed – paper plates or paper, salt, glue, food coloring (watered down), brush. Squeeze glue onto paper to make design. Sprinkle salt over glue design. Shake off excesses. Then with brush dipped in food coloring gently brush over the salt design. (Creativity).

Have a great week. Stay safe and stay healthy.

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