Greeting to all the children and families of 1500B. We hope everyone is keeping well and making the best of these challenging times! We hope all the moms and grandmas had a wonderful Mother’s Day.

One of the skills we work on in school is patterns. Noticing similarities and differences and creating repeating patterns are important skills for math and literacy development. Below are some activities that you can do at home to strengthen your child’s patterning skill.

- **Sound Patterns** - create a sound pattern such as clap, snap, clap, snap. Have your child repeat the pattern back to you. You can make the pattern more challenging such as clap, snap, snap, clap, snap, snap or clap, clap, snap, snap, snap. Have your child repeat the pattern back to you. You can also have them create their own pattern and then it’s your turn to repeat their pattern. *(Math, Physical)*

- **Opposite Patterns** - create a pattern using opposites; thumbs up, thumbs down, thumbs up; facing forward, facing backward, facing forward. Any opposites will do. Same as above, create a more challenging pattern if simple pattern is too easy. Have you child create their own opposite pattern and you repeat it. *(Math, Physical, Literacy)*

- **Pattern Picture** - give your child some drawing instruments (pens, pencils, markers, crayons) and paper. They need to have at least two different colors (black and blue pen, pen and pencil, etc.) Have them create their own pattern picture on paper (black dot, blue dot, black dot; red dot, blue dot, red dot). Just as above, challenge your child to create more complex patterns. You can also give your child cut out shapes that they can use to create a pattern. Ask them about their pattern and write down their words on the paper. *(Math, Physical, Literacy, Creativity)*

We hope you enjoy the above activities. Sending you all a virtual hug and hope for continued good health!

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