

## *“So what can we do at home?”*

Note: Use the following as it is appropriate for your child’s age. Keep an eye on our website or FB page for more suggestions in the next few days. (Most of what’s below is for younger children. Check out this link for your older children in our “links for home learning” tab.

Thank you to “amazingeducationalresources.com” for this list! (there is a LIST of 1000+ sites and tools you can access)

1. Puppet show - using dolls/stuffed animals or handmade puppets (decorate a brown paper bag)
2. Read to your children...have them tell the story back to you.
3. Use a picture book with no words and have your child tell YOU a story.
4. Have children dictate and then illustrate a new story.
5. Read and ask your child WH questions as you read through the story (ask about the pictures on the page...what, who, where, why?)
6. Make towers - use stacking cups, tupperware, plastic cups...whatever you can find and make a tower. Then knock it down and build again!
7. Do puzzles and talk about inside vs. outside pieces, flat edge pieces, etc.
8. Scavenger hunt ...Find things that are different colors, shapes, sizes, textures (bumpy, smooth, etc.). *Parents, you can hide things to be found around the home.*
9. Measure things around your home. Find a random toy or household item and count how many bottle caps, cans, pencils long something is.
10. Face time with friends and family!
11. Go bowling at home! Line up some toys that stand (and won’t break) and find a ball...have fun!
12. Create a FORT with blankets/pillows/chairs, etc. If you have a teepee at home pull this into the mix. Go “camping” in a room inside your house.
13. CYCLE your toys. Hide some (3-6 toys) out of sight and Bring out ONE “new” one per week or one every few days (but grab another to cycle OUT of the rotation at this time so you maintain a stash of toys!) until we make it through and the kids are back in school.
14. Create an indoor obstacle course. Use what you have in your home that your kids can climb under, over, thru, around, up, etc.
15. Play a board game.
16. Make a pretend store (grocery store, clothing store in their bedroom, etc.).
17. Sing songs!
18. SNUGGLE! Take this time to relax together. So many of us are rushing to and from ALL THE TIME. Take a breather!

### MOVEMENT:

1. Freeze dance!
2. Fill a laundry basket with heavy things and have your child push it around the room (great sensory input!)
3. Ride a bike near your house

### ART PROJECTS:

4. Make bracelets or jewelry if you have string and beads around the house. You can also use sewing thread and cut up a plastic straw to make these!
5. Find items like leaves outside your home and make a leaf rubbing.
6. Make your own puzzle. Draw a picture or glue a photo/magazine page on cardboard/card stock and cut out puzzle pieces and put them back together!

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8. Draw with glue and paint with watercolors, immediately put salt on the water colors and watch the colors spread!
9. Use recycled boxes/materials from food as you use them to paint, glue, make towers or other art projects.
10. Paint a rock after you go for a walk to find it!
11. No mess painting: put paper inside a bag with paint inside and use your finger on the outside of the bag to move the paint around.
12. Chalk outside

#### WATER GAMES:

13. Give toys a BATH!!! Great way to get your kids in on helping you clean toys that can go in water.
14. SINK or FLOAT Set up a bucket of water (can do in bathtub or shower) and see what will sink or float.

#### IN THE KITCHEN:

15. Make playdough...recipe here (or google your own!): <https://funlearningforkids.com/easy-play-dough-recipe-without-cream-tartar/>
16. BAKE!
17. Make volcanos ~ all you need is baking soda and vinegar for hours of fun.
18. Make smoothies with fresh/frozen fruit; have your child interact with the food by washing it, cutting it up and putting it in the blender

#### HELPING GAMES:

19. Children like to help! Have them help fold and put away their laundry
20. Give "chores" so they can earn 30 more min of screen time
21. Clean up their toys at the end of each day

#### Apps:

- *Ollie's handwriting*
- *123s ABCs preschool*
- *ABC Alphabet*
- *Trace Letters, lowercase*
- *ABC Alphabet Phonics Letters*
- *Trace Letters, lowercase and uppercase*
- *Tracing Numbers*
- *Preschool & Kindergarten Learning Games*
- *Kiddopia- ABC Toddler Games*
- *Basic Skills Preschool! & Toddler Kids Learn*
- *PBS kids games*
- *Noggin Preschool*

#### Other resources:

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