

Dear Kindergarten Families:

As many of you already know, I was a track athlete for almost 12 years. During that time I had the privilege and blessing of running in some very big meets. Something that has always stuck out to me, no matter how many people, or how stressful the meet was, I could always hear my Dad's voice cheering me on. It was that voice that gave me confidence to continue on even in some of my hardest races. The reason I could always hear my Dad's voice (no matter if I was listening for it or not), was that I had heard it so many times in my day to day life. We are going through a tough race right now in our community and world. My biggest prayer for you is that your family would spend time listening to God's voice. So that if and when those times of panic and hardship come, It's our Good Father's voice that you hear breaking through the crowd. That being said: I believe the most important thing that you will find in this packet is a set of daily devotionals. Please find time to sit down with your family using either these or your preferred family devotional and listen to God's beautiful reassurances.

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." – Philippians 4:6*

Here are the contents of your packet and my recommendations:

Devotions/Religion:

- Complete one with your whole family daily.

Calendar:

- A very easy way to stick with one of our classroom routines. Find a calendar in your home, ask your child/children to tell you what day it is (Day of the Week, Month, Numeral Day, Year) Ask them what the weather is like outside today. Ask them to keep a count of how many days you have been learning at home. Ask them to sing the days of the week song and talk about what day it was yesterday and tomorrow.

Reading:

- Please provide me with an email address to send videos!
- Watch the Daily Read-Aloud video and encourage your child/children to answer the questions stated in the video
- Ask your child to retell the story in their own words
- When asked in the video, locate the 'story map' or 'conclusions page' and answer the questions
- Practice sight words in any way you can
  - Make flash cards
  - Look for them in personal books
  - Say them and spell them at least 5 times a day
- Try to complete the **Read At Home Bingo** (There will be prizes if you bring it back completed!)

#### Math:

- There are seven math worksheets most are very self-explanatory. Please complete one a day.
- Find ways to practice counting from 1-100 Daily
  - Say the numbers and jump up every time you get to a ten
  - Count how many things you can find in your house that start with a certain letter
  - Write down the numbers from 1-30
  - Play war or go-fish with cards
- Practice naming and counting coins daily
  - Draw a random coin out of a container and describe it to your child and see if they can guess what the name of the coin is and how much it is worth.
  - Have them buy things around the house with a combination of coins
  - Simply count a pile of loose change, name each coin and how much it is worth

#### Phonics:

- Practice, practice, practice reading. Each student has their white leveled reader and the next level up. Read it three times fluently and give stars when they do a great job! There are also more leveled readers for each child. Simply practice reading them. They know how to sound out the words. (It should be a little hard). Encourage them to try and try again before giving a word!
- There are phonics games that are leveled to your child's needs. Please have them play a phonics game twice a day.
- Find ways to practice phonics skills in everyday life.
  - Find things that start with a certain letter.
  - Count syllables of the foods in your lunch.
  - Find rhyming words around you.

#### Handwriting:

- Try and finish a couple pages a day. Really focus on holding their pencil correctly!

#### Science and Social Studies:

- Not required but see attached links for some fun resources. Kids will want screen-time so lets try and make it educational screen time!!!
- Many of recommended drawing and writing cards for individuals in assisted living or nursing home facilities since they are no-longer accepting visitors.

Overall, keep reading, keeping moving! I am a huge supporter of movement during learning. Try to limit screen time and get them playing with toys and using their creative brains! Check your emails for daily challenges etc. to keep those creative juices flowing!

I will be praying for you! Contact me with any questions in whatever way works best for you.

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*More Ideas and Links to Keep Learning*

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The San Diego Zoo has a website just for kids with amazing videos, activities, and games. Enjoy the tour!  
<https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/>

Tour Yellowstone National Park!  
<https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualtours.htm>

This Canadian site FarmFood 360 offers 11 Virtual Tours of farms from minks, pigs, and cows, to apples and eggs. <https://www.farmfood360.ca/>

Read, play games, and hang out with Dr. Seuss <https://www.seussville.com/>

Favorite children's books read by famous people <https://www.storylineonline.net/>

Hands on Elem science videos <https://www.backpacksciences.com/science-simplified>

Math as a fun part of your daily family routine <http://bedtimemath.org/>

Day-by-day projects to keep kids reading, thinking, and growing.  
<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

3 Free Weeks of Maker Stations to keep your children creating at home! Each challenge includes simple instructions using materials around the house, QR code video resources, and a student recording sheet. [bit.ly/freemakerstations](http://bit.ly/freemakerstations)

Educational brain breaks to help students review essential literacy and math skills, while getting in some exercise. Find over 900 videos to help your child keep learning at home and burn off some extra energy. Our site is best used for ages 4-8. <https://fluencyandfitness.com/register/school-closures/>

-Great compilation of Author videos reading from their works, offering writing and drawing tips!  
[https://www.katemessner.com/read-wonder-and-learn-favorite-authors-illustrators-share-resources-for-learning-anywhere-spring-2020/?fbclid=IwAR2ETXTCeEZRYhUY4h0WluqzAQN\\_XK6aULvWZXQzGra9JujZDqliewPms\\_I](https://www.katemessner.com/read-wonder-and-learn-favorite-authors-illustrators-share-resources-for-learning-anywhere-spring-2020/?fbclid=IwAR2ETXTCeEZRYhUY4h0WluqzAQN_XK6aULvWZXQzGra9JujZDqliewPms_I)

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