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Dear St. Jerome Early Childhood Center Families,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones happy and healthy. I pray that the Holy Spirit grant you the gifts of patience and fortitude as you navigate through this difficult time.

Mrs. Demes is doing a beautiful job of keeping our Facebook page current. You can show your kids pictures of their friends doing their homework and other activities. This might help them to feel connected to the school life that is temporarily on hold. You are welcome to send me any pictures and I will forward them to Mrs. Demes.

The rest of this message contains messages and lessons from our teachers. I hope you enjoy exploring these activities with your children.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Phyllis

Room 1 (three year olds)

[15 of the Best Preschool Frog Activities](#)

It's Mine by Leo Lionni Read by Mrs. Martin <https://youtu.be/I3u5kwNkZks>

Room 2 (two year olds)

Hello Room Two Families!

I hope everyone is doing well and adjusting to all of the changes in the last few weeks. This next week will be back down to business with a new routine in the Brett household as we begin this new way of learning. I know that some of you have older children that will also be beginning a new routine so I wanted to include some activities that the younger ones can do both online and offline. One of the things we were working on at school was a standard that includes coordinating the use of fingers. The best way to

coordinate the use of fingers is by doing fingerplays. I found many different songs with motions on YouTube and gave a few examples below. The easiest way to find them is to copy and paste the URL's into google. Feel free to find more songs as many others are available underneath the video.

“Two Little Butterflies” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q31_IrnxmP8

“Bubble, Bubble Pop” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60RRRq4dJ58>

“Eensy Weensy Spider” and more <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Is0LTpq9G50>

“Where is Thumbkin” (no music only words)
<https://www.songsforteaching.com/fingerplays/whereisthumbkinthumbkin.htm>

While searching YouTube I came across our favorite book “Pete the Cat I Love My White Shoes”. We listened and followed along to this book a few times a week during library time. The video includes audio and pictures of the book so the children can follow along just like at school! Just copy and paste the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fj_z6zGQVyM

The next page includes some hand- on activities that do not require a computer, only a few things you will most likely have around the house. Enjoy your time at home with your children and if you have any questions or you would like to send pictures or videos or your children while they are busy learning at home please email us.

Wishing you lots of fun and learning at home!

Mrs. Brett



Lego Color Sort

This activity is a great way to practice colors as well as build on math skills with sorting.

Thislittlehomeofmine.com



Tub Fishing

This activity helps with fine motor and sorting skills. As a science lesson you can have the children predict whether the item will float or sink.

Mysmallpotatoes.com



Sticker Line-Up

The children love their stickers. We use sticker books in the classroom and this activity lets you use them at home. Another example of an activity to increase fine motor skills especially if you let your child peel the sticker from the paper. Also great for hand-eye coordination.

Mombeach.com/activities-toddlers-home

Rooms 3 and 4 (four year olds)

Dear Families,

We hope you and your children are all well! This week our theme is Spring. We will be learning about how things grow in this first lesson. If you have a garden or a place for potted plants, please spend some time with your child this week and show them how to plant and take care of seeds. In today's lesson children will see our daily prayer, followed by an introduction to our theme, and lastly Eric Carle's story, The Tiny Seed. Attached are also a spring craft and literacy and math activities for this week's theme. We wish you all great health and a blessed week!

EC4 Teachers

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpSZtOZqGaSKVXtJCUa5nn7BeVw0UCXwU>



This is such a fun springtime fingerprint craft! Please help your child by cutting out or painting a tree shape, then let them use paint to make dots with their fingers or a Q-tip to create leaves, and their thumb to make the little birds. Have fun!

Spring Literacy Activity: cut out spring pictures of insects and animals with your child. Give them letters of the alphabet (or if you don't have any, you can write letters on pieces of paper) and ask them to match the letter to the picture by finding the starting sound of each word. Help them by sounding out the letter. This activity teaches letter recognition and letter sounds, and matching increases mathematical thinking skills. Cutting improves fine motor abilities.



This is a great spring math activity if you have some plastic Easter eggs on hand. Dot and number eggs, separate them, then have your child match them up. This activity teaches children one-to-one correspondence, number recognition and enhances fine motor skills.



You can use two-digit numbers for this activity if your child recognizes them. All you'll need are pom-poms, tweezers and some triangle cut-outs for the cones. This activity, just like the egg match above, requires fine motor skills and teaches one-to one correspondence. It also teaches patience and requires focus.

Mrs. Homme's Video message to Room 4 students

<https://youtu.be/TT0WODT8I4M>