

Hello Room Two Families!

We hope that this email finds all of you well! Please let your children know that we miss seeing them everyday and look forward to being able to see them again in April. Until then we wanted to give you some ideas of things you and your child can do together or, things they may do on their own to keep them engaged and learning during their time where we cannot meet at school. We will be sending two emails a week with ideas, based on some of the standards from the Early Learning Coalition, that may keep the children on track during this time at home. The following are some of the basic standards that we have been working on daily in the classroom that can also be practiced on at home.

- Counting to 5...In the classroom we took any opportunity we could to count things. At home you can count the dishes on the table, the number of toys in front of you or even how many steps to the kitchen.
- Subitizing to 2...Look at two items and know that there is two without counting. At home you can look for things that naturally come in pairs, two shoes, two socks anything that you think could help your child make that connection.
- Naming primary colors...One thing we have found in the classroom is that the children love to play "I Spy". It is a great way to point out many items that may have the same color.
- Reading a story and asking questions....One of the standards for 24 to 36 months old involves understanding that pictures and stories convey meaning. Another standard involves responding to "Who" "What" "Where" "Why" questions with back and forth exchanges. Reading a book and asking questions helps the children to hit those standards as well as builds on their reading comprehension.

We wanted to give you a few basic things to begin with and will be sending emails twice weekly with more ideas to keep the children engaged. On the next page I will attach our play dough recipe which is actually quite simple and only uses things that you may already have in your pantry. The children love play dough and it great way to help strengthen hand muscles and fine motor.

Stay safe and healthy and if you have any questions or concerns please email us!

Mrs. Brett and Mrs. Aslanovic

Play Dough Recipe

Supplies needed:

2 and ½ cups of flour

½ cup of salt

2 packages of Kool-Aid mix (gives it color and makes it smell great)

2 cups of boiling water

3 tablespoons of oil

Directions:

Mix flour, salt and Kool-Aid until well blended. Add oil to boiling water then add to the flour/salt/Kool-Aid mix. Mix with spoon until it is cool enough to knead. Store in a plastic bag or air tight container.

One more idea to help fine motor skills. You may have to get creative with what to balance the eggs on but it looks fun.

Egg Towers! Balancing Game

