

In these “not normal” times it may be helpful to remember that simple things are often the best things! You are not expected to be your child’s school teacher – but you continue to be your child’s BEST teacher! We hope you may find some helpful ideas in the list below:

You may already have the toys and supplies for lots of fun activities. Look for ways your child can:



Explore, ask questions, and solve problems— Use a magnifying glass to change your view, water bushes and flowers with a watering can and watch the soil change, take a flashlight walk in your neighborhood or backyard, work a jigsaw puzzle together.

Learn letter sounds, letter names, and words— Find letters on cereal boxes and road signs, in books and magazines and ask your child to name them and sound them out.

Be creative—Build towers, castles, cars and more with rocks, sticks and blocks. Use sidewalk chalk outside and inside use crayons, paper and scissors. Build and create with playdough, cardboard boxes and tubes. Encourage story telling with puppets.

Listen, sing, and play music—Hum on harmonica, beat a drum, listen to music on the radio, sing silly made up songs while driving. (Especially easy if you make it a rhyming song!)

Learn to count and get a sense of amounts—Play board games and count how many spaces to move, pay each other with play money, use a kitchen timer to count down, let your child use measuring cups and spoons and help you with recipes.

Talk and play with you, a family member, or a friend— Play games as a family, both indoor and outdoor! (A deck of cards can be used for a memory game, go fish, or war. All good games to play with your child!) Make dress up time a time for conversation. Use hats, scarves, gloves and jewelry.

Move— incorporate movement in your day by using a hula hoop, playing catch, skipping rope or going for a walk.

****REMEMBER SOCIAL DISTANCING WHEN YOU ARE OUTSIDE YOUR HOME****

Your child learns by watching you...you are your child’s first teacher and you will always be their BEST teacher!!