Home suggestions Week 6 for Week May 4-8

 Last week I invited you to sign your child up to EPIC…many have been loving it. If you haven’t yet, you still can…it isn’t too late! I will continue to assign books on EPIC…I love feeling connected to the kids by knowing what they are reading. This week I checked out the website <https://www.abcya.com/>. It is also good…there are many free games to play on this site (and just ignore the ones they want you to buy). This site has both Literacy and Math activities.

I am sure with all this extra time with your child you are finding many ways to include academics into everyday life. Cooking, building with blocks (counting, shapes, patterns, and creating creatures and structures to write about). Creating a groceries list, writing a letter to a loved one or friend are also great ways for the children to see that writing is an important part in everyday life!

I hope everyone was able play the egg crate math game “counting between”. This week let’s work on doing patterns using this egg crate as the container. Use small items and allow the children to place one small item in each pocket. Students can use 2 or 3 colors/items in their patterns. So they may do a pattern with a core of a bean, a macaroni and toothpick and maybe next time they have a core of bean, bean, macaroni! Have fun with this…they love patterns. Also, encourage them to make a sound or movement pattern…clap, clap, stomp or woof, meow, roar 😊

There are many language activities to do without technology or materials. Play a rhyming game as you are sitting outside…I say cat, you could say (hat, mat, rat). I say boat, you could say (goat, float, coat). Another one that can be played anywhere, sitting on the couch, in the car, on the deck….play guess my word…let’s use the word chair…you say it in 2 parts, but like a turtle might talk…ch…..air and the children guess what you are saying. So pencil…pen….cil, water….wa…ter, book….b….ook! They love this!

Again, if you have any question, concerns or want to brag to me about how well your child is doing something you can always reach me through my email or call me at home…I love hearing all about the kids. Let them know I miss them terribly, but I am very proud that they are continuing their learning…hug them big for me!

PS/ just a heads up…I will be sending a letter home to each child this week. Watch for this in your email and I am hoping to hear back in letter form from each child 😊 I am so excited to hear from the children about things they have been doing!

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