

## Early Years K-2 Learning at Home

- During our physical school closure, students will be able to access online learning resources through an online **Connect Classroom**. Please view *Student Guide* for access.
- The Department of Education will provide online access to resources through the 'Learning at Home' website: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home/>

If you are unable to access online learning opportunities at any time, the following is a list of activities which do not require the internet.

- ★ Have a special daily time where each person takes turns to share the best part of their day, while everyone else listens. Sometimes include time for everyone to take turns to ask one question.
- ★ Set up a place for your child to paint and draw – sometimes do it with them. Encourage them sometimes to write about their creation.
- ★ Listen to them read to you every day. Encourage them to retell you an event or a story – "What happened first/at the beginning?." "What happened next?"
- ★ Talk about the stories that you read together. Ask questions that require more than just a yes or no answer. "What was your favourite part?" "Why was that your favourite part?" ...
- ★ Read your child's favourite book over and over. Encourage them to join in. Get them to tell you the story using the pictures for prompts or let them pretend to read and make up the story. Talk about the end of the story and encourage your child to express their opinions. Did they like the ending? How else could the story have ended?
- ★ Encourage your child to write or draw in a journal or diary each day.
- ★ Play word games such as "I Spy", "Going on a Picnic" or "Word Hunt"
- ★ Show that writing serves a purpose - make a shopping list together (your child could draw a picture of some items next to the words); let them do a simple drawing, letter or card and mail it; write a narrative for another family member to read.
- ★ Think out loud – it is a great way to 'model' to your child how you solve problems.
- ★ Play number and counting games – how many red flowers can you see?; find the number 4.
- ★ Play simple number and counting games at home – board games are fantastic!
- ★ Let your child see and hear you as you use numbers and counting for real reasons - counting out enough plates, counting ingredients during cooking, checking your change
- ★ Encourage them to recognise small amounts at a glance – without counting.
- ★ Encourage them to look for smaller collections inside a bigger collection, for example, 7 pieces of apple could be separated into collections of 1 & 6, 2 & 5, 3 & 4
- ★ Play with blocks or lego – apart from having fun playing with blocks, they are also great for developing early skills – counting, grouping, shape recognition, ordering according to size or mass (weight), making patterns, problem solving...
- ★ Use position words and describe shapes during every day activities. This will help your child to build a rich vocabulary for talking about where they are (e.g. I am on the slide), where they are going think out loud – it is a great way to 'model' to your child how you solve problems.
- ★ Make a collage using magazines, newspapers, junk mail, old drawings or paintings - collect pictures according to a theme - a beginning sound, a colour, an animal...

- ★ Encourage your child to use trial and error to learn and complete tasks. Be patient and let them have a go.
- ★ Explore measuring by chatting with your child when you are cooking, shopping or at bath time about how different things might be: longer or shorter, thicker or thinner, and lighter or heavier.
- ★ Pour water or sand from one container to another to decide which holds more, or investigate whether a tablecloth is big enough to cover the table.
- ★ Encourage your child to observe things in nature and to ask questions.
- ★ Collect items and sort them into groups and talk about shapes, sizes, patterns and what they feel like.
- ★ Explore your child's family history using photographs, objects and by telling stories. Talk about your relatives, where they were born and how life was different when they were your child's age. Draw a family tree.
- ★ Sing and dance to music. Encourage your child to create their own dance or song.
- ★ Make a poster to tell people about something important such as "Washing our hands and having good hygiene"
- ★ Create your own book. Draw pictures and write a story. Read your story to someone else in your family.
- ★ Speed Read- Read as many words as you can in 1 minute.
- ★ Sound Search – Find as many things around the house that start with a chosen sound. For example 's'- sand, sun, sister, sauce.
- ★ Create a video blog or documentary of life at home.
- ★ Find a collection of 100 or 50 objects. For example- 100 leaves, sticks or rocks, 50 pasta pieces.
- ★ Make fruit kebabs and talk about colours, shapes and patterns.
- ★ Make playdough together and create shapes, objects and patterns.

### **Playdough Recipe**

#### **YOU'LL NEED:**

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup table salt
- 2 tablespoon cream of tartar
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 cup boiling water
- Food colouring

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. In a bowl, combine the flour, salt and cream or tart. Mix well.
2. Add the oil
3. Mix a few drops of food colouring into the boiling water and add to the bowl.
4. Mix everything very well and massage with your hand until it is no longer sticky.

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