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I know that a big concern of parents during this time where centers and schools are closing is how their kiddos are going to get the valuable learning time they would have been receiving at school and/or the centers they were attending. I wanted to put together a list of resources and learning ideas for families to utilize while the center is closed to encourage and foster skills development while we are all practicing social distancing:

- ABC mouse – offering free 30 day trial membership. Online curriculum for ages 2-8.
https://www.abcmouse.com/abt/homepage?8a08850bc2=T1813706802.1584324306.7709&gclid=Cj0KCQjwpLfzBRCRARIsAHui6qUK33uoECiAjLn0h857CRjr1UdhB4I2NHgUnURUDuZA4x2ODbHp40EaAmsmEALw_wcB
- Education.com – preschool games <https://www.education.com/games/preschool/>
- Scholastic Learn at Home, 20 days of free learning activities - preschool/pre-k daily curriculum - <https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome/grades-prek-k.html>
- Do to Learn - <https://do2learn.com/academics/overview.html>
- Victories 'N Autism - <http://www.victoriesnautism.com/>
- How to talk to kids about Coronavirus - <https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus>
- Science experiment for kids showing how washing hands to get rid of germs is important https://www.instagram.com/p/B9kOH4HhZBA/?utm_source=ig_embed&utm_campaign=loading
- Great blog post, ABA tips for staying home with kids during social distancing - <http://blog.abadesk.com/2020/03/16/surviving-the-covid-19-pandemic-with-children/>

You will also find attached some resources on fostering reading and play skills.

The best way to keep things as normal as possible for your child during this time is to have consistency. I have attached a visual schedule that mimics the one we follow daily here at The Learning Center (TLC) at the Northeast Arc for toddlers through pre-k. Just because the children are unable to attend the center and/or school during this time doesn't mean they can't follow a similar schedule throughout their day at home. I encourage all families to follow this or a similar routine/schedule at home over the next few weeks to decrease the likelihood of seeing challenging behaviors or the regression of skills while we are practicing social distancing.

Please feel free to reach out to TLC staff about more ways to encourage learning at home while the center and schools are closed.

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