Dear Parents, 3/16/2020

As your children will be home for the next two weeks we wanted to offer some ideas of things that they can continue to work on.

- Read books with your child daily, talk with them about the story, ask them questions.
- Practice writing their name with them. Our students practice writing their name daily.
  Many are writing their first and last names from a model.
- Continue number practice: counting, recognizing numbers. Here are two links with math stories/songs:
  - https://www.youtube.com/results?search\_query=preschool+number+books https://www.youtube.com/results?search\_query=preschool+number+songs
- Continue letter practice: identifying letters, letter sounds
- Continue talking with your child about different types of buildings, what buildings are in our community, building materials. There are many videos on youtube that show how buildings are made, buildings in our community, etc. Feel free to view with your child and talk with them about it. Here are two links with many online stories/songs based on the theme of "construction":
  - https://www.youtube.com/results?search query=preschool+construction+stories https://www.youtube.com/results?search query=preschool+construction+songs
- If you have playdough, blocks, legos, sticks, drawing materials, etc. your child can create buildings using these materials. Feel free to send us pics on Class Dojo!
- We have been practicing zipping our coats by ourselves. Please continue practicing with your child.

Here are some free online resources that are available:

- <a href="https://site.pebblego.com/">https://site.pebblego.com/</a>
  - Username: cpsPassword: cps
- PBS kids
- http://www.starfall.com
- https://www.storylineonline.net/library/
- Abc mouse has a free 30 day trial.
- Live zoo stream and info about animals: <a href="https://www.visitmanateelagoon.com/manatee-cam">https://www.visitmanateelagoon.com/manatee-cam</a>
- Live zoo streams and info about animal: <a href="https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams">https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams</a>
- Live zoo stream and info about animals: https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/live-cams
- Stem ebooks- https://pac.library.cps.edu/list/static/3303869429/rss
- Math ebooks- https://pac.library.cps.edu/list/static/2558618857/rss
- A complete list of CPS's on-line Library databases for all ages of students: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tuhp21qC2crXsqf4sHxAApZPk0NyuAoD/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tuhp21qC2crXsqf4sHxAApZPk0NyuAoD/view</a>
- We Do Listen Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) Non Profit Corporation. Our intention is to enable children to enjoy inner peace and communicate in a more effective way. We create entertaining, educational books, videos, games and songs to help young children become better listeners, learn important life lessons and feel good about themselves.

Children who learn these skills will grow up better informed to resolve conflicts and empowered to change the world. Here is the online link.

https://wedolisten.org/home#no-hide

- Storybots super songs:
  - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLPphPHIzdSQOalc1JEGpPHdfSAQNKOm45
- Healthy habits videos/stories online:
  - https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search\_guery=preschool+healthy+
- Koo Koo Kangaro Roo movement songs/activities:
  - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJfz4ZD1ADS08wFg70j0Niw
- Go Noodle/Get moving:
  - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2YBT7HYqCbbvzu3kKZ3wnw
- Kids Bop dance along videos: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKE0Xnj818IDaHvlcRig0Bg

## **Chicago Public Library Resources**

Use your Library Card to access these resources from home.

- Research Databases for Kids
- Research Databases for Teens
- eBooks & Magazines
- Chicago Public Library Overdrive
  - o Kids
  - o Teens
  - Spanish

We will miss our students during this trying time and hope that we will all be back together soon!