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COVID-19 RESOURCES

Did you know we highlight resources related to COVID-19 throughout the week on social media? Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter. For a full list of resources on our website, click on the title of each subject.

Want to talk with us and other Early Childhood Educators on these topics? Join the June Conversation Sessions. Information can be found on the bottom of page 4.

Physical Activity & Nutrition

What do you know about a dragon fruit, jicama, or rutabaga? Learn about them and more with these FREE PRINTABLE fruit and vegetables cards. Each card contains cool facts and a yummy recipe!



https://www.cacfp.org/files/9515/3549/7135/ABCs_Fruit_and_Vegetable_Cards_cacfp.org.pdf

Community Resources

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) issues electronic benefits that can be used like cash to purchase food. SNAP can help you feed your family if you are having a hard time. Instead of going to your local social services office you can apply and receive benefits online.



www.mybenefits.ny.gov

Routines & Schema

“Storytelling. It’s how families, cultures, and communities share information, values, emotions, hopes, and beliefs. Under usual circumstances, telling stories, reading aloud compelling children’s literature, and planning opportunities for children to create and share their own stories are things teachers do daily. But as schools remain closed to stop the spread of the novel coronavirus, these are not usual circumstances.” Here is a resource from NAEYC describing three ways the power of storytelling in early childhood is helping young children during this pandemic.

<https://www.naeyc.org/resources/blog/power-storytelling-helping-children-process-crisis>

EARLY CHILDHOOD HIGHLIGHT

This Is The Way We Learn and Grow Activity Bags

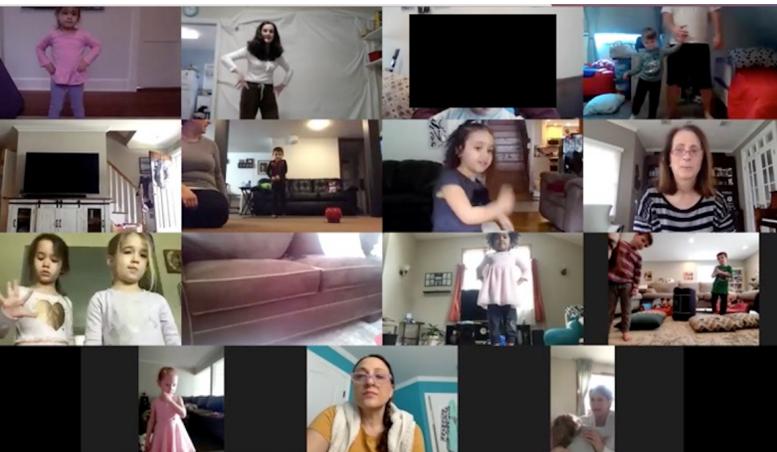


Josephine Giardina, Antoinette Megale and their dedicated staff at This Is The Way We Learn and Grow Child Care Inc. in Levittown are still supporting families, even though their program is currently closed due to COVID-19.

Each week, they are sending home classroom materials as a way to enhance the virtual learning their program has been offering to their families via Zoom. The program conducts weekly Zoom meetings with their families, based on weekly themes with coordinating activity bags filled with materials for exploration that are developmentally appropriate for each child in the family.

Materials are chosen to support learning in all domains and to enhance their Zoom story times and music and movement components with materials like musical instruments, scarves, bean bags...). Together, the staff consider children's interests and abilities as they chose materials for the children to explore at home. These include art materials, games and activities relating to math and science.

For literacy, the program includes a book from their library for the children to enjoy with their families. They even send birthday crowns and a special present for any child celebrating their birthday! An Instruction Sheet with detailed descriptions of activities and an itemized list is also included for families. Keep a lookout on our social media for a more in-depth look on this amazing experience.



"We have discovered that the take-home bags were a great reminder to the children as to what they were doing in school. It also gave the children an opportunity to visually reconnect with each other and with the teachers. The parents have told us how much their children looked forward to our Zoom meetings and how beneficial they have been."

- Josephine Giardina, Director

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Our lives have been turned upside down by COVID-19. We invite you to join our free Conversation sessions in both English & Spanish. For more information & to register, please visit:

<http://www.childcare Nassau.org/documents/469.pdf>

The Long Island Regional Early Childhood Career Development Center also has a lecture series on L.O.L (Linking Opportunities to Learning) on Wednesday, June 10th. Join the CDC team to learn how to use social media, such as LinkedIn and Twitter to expand your career. For more information and to register, visit <https://earlychildhoodny.org/cdsc/lectureseries.php?setID=1774>