

Hello Preschool Families!

Let me start by saying how much I am desperately missing all of my preschool friends. Their stories and hugs are everything and I cannot wait to be back with them. THANK YOU to those that have sent videos and messages back and forth, it truly brightens my day getting to see them :) You are welcome anytime to send more. I can't promise I will respond right away as I am trying to keep my own three occupied, but I will send a video back!

There is a LOT of information coming your way so please read carefully:

- As teachers, we have been discussing at length the best way to keep our preschoolers active and engaged at home, just as they would at preschool. The absolute best things you can do is PLAY and READ. This is the basis of all early childhood education, especially during such an unknown time. But, we all know how quickly they can get bored of playing! So, to supplement, each week I will email out a file with things they can work on at home. These are areas that we would cover that week if we were at school. For example - this week our letter is N. You will find things relating to our letter, phonetics, as well as activities we'd have done this week. I will send another email this afternoon with this week's resources. These are just ideas, not something that you must do. If they aren't feeling it, there is no need to push them. We have had a couple of days where all we do is watch movies in our pj's. Those are just as important as the "school" days!
- In addition, I will be trying to post videos, stories, and ideas regularly to our private class Instagram page. If you are not already, you can follow along at @MsTiffanyBrightBeginnings.
- I will be sending another email out later this week in regards to conferences so please be watching for that.
- Lastly, Ms. Jennifer introduced us to an amazing app called Marco Polo. This is a free, safe, and private app that allows children to send videos back and forth to friends and family. As much as I am missing all of them, I imagine they are all missing their friends even more! One way we will utilize the app is for things like Munchy Mouth. On Thursday, I will post a video and everyone can respond with their own video to show what they found for Munchy Mouth this week. Same with the Friday dance :) You'll be able to see everyone's videos in that particular stream. It's SO cool! Links below will take you to each class:

5 Day: <https://onmarcopolo.com/groups/67E6lvmbi8pm/ms-tiffanys-5-day>

4 Day: <http://onmarcopolo.com/groups/9rROI9MFFrE/ms-tiffanys-4-day>

I *really* encourage you to join - I have been testing it out with my girls and even the teenagers are enjoying it!! So much of our preschool day is guided by the social/emotional, this is a great way to keep that going from home!

As always, all of us at Bright Beginnings are so incredibly thankful for each of you and your support through all of this uncertainty. We are hopeful and full of prayer that we will all be back together very soon. Please let me know what I can do for you to help, whether it's additional resources or just a private video to cheer someone up. I, along with my mini-teachers, are here!!

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