

# Literacy

(listening, speaking, reading & writing... **having fun!**)

The following suggestions are intentionally playful. Literacy activities are meant to be filled with joy and fun for everyone participating. Despite the current situation, we are so fortunate that many sites are being opened to all without annual subscriptions. Please take advantage of these to read with your child, to distract them from any fears they may currently have, and enjoy each other's company!

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This link offers a huge amount of books online. Ready to read or listen to! Check out the graphic novel sections for some all time favourites.

Keep a daily journal

(drawings with letters or words for younger learners; drawings and writing for older children; explore feelings; write about daily activities)

Play board games together or create your own board game. Create rules to follow for games that were homemade.

Write notes to family members. Hide notes in places they are likely to find them.

Create art for your windows with messages of hope and well being for others to see and read.

Go for a walk with a family member. Look for homes that have artwork in the windows or sidewalk chalk messages. Have conversations as you find these examples. Use the ideas from this walk to add to your own ideas.

Tell stories. Stories have characters, a problem, and a solution. (e.g. a monkey ... in a city ... wants to find its jungle home)

Use toys to create and act out a story that has characters, a problem, and a solution. Once the story is well rehearsed, create a video to watch with your family.

Take turns telling a story. One person starts, then stops and the next person continues.

Use scrap materials from around your home to create story characters. (egg cartons, plastic containers, pieces of fabric etc.) Use towels, dishcloths, t-shirts etc. to form the setting or location of your story (forest, beach, city, farm, jungle etc.)

As you create meals in the kitchen, invite your child to share the task by reading and following the recipe and directions.

Share a card game or learn a new one together using the internet to help with ideas.

Create a scavenger hunt with directions to go to the next place within your home.

e.g. Look for a clue in the front hall closet. In the closet, the note might say, Look under Sam's bed. etc.

The adult might write the first series of clues and hide them. Afterwards, that might become the child's job. Clues can be created as drawings too!

Use cushions to create a fort and play! When finished, write directions for others explaining how to build an awesome fort.

Encourage your child or children to ask questions and show their curiosity. Responses such as, "That's such a good question!" will encourage further curiosity.

Don't feel you need to answer their questions. Instead, respond by saying, "I wonder how we could find that out?" Their questions can turn into a fabulous research project.

Amid all of our current realities, there are many great things happening. Breweries are distilling hand sanitizer. How are they doing that? What did they have to change in their operations? How can you find out the answer to these questions and others that you have as well?

People are now using 3 D printers to create medical supplies. What companies are getting involved? What kind of medical supplies are they printing? Where are they being distributed? It's time for some research!