

ZEKE'S FUN AT HOME ACTIVITY CORNER

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Dear Zoo-Friends,

This week's playful and physical lessons will **real heroes** this week! We will use our **S.T.R.E.A.M.S.** format.

S.T.R.E.A.M.S.:

Science – all aspects of our physical world

Technology - looking up topics online, viewing pictures and videos

Recreation - movement and fitness – free and structured physical activities

Engineering - little hands building with blocks, Legos®, scissors, stirring, transferring, lacing, cooking – anything that uses arms, hands and fingers

The Arts - literature, art and music

Math – sorting, adding, subtracting, subitizing, measuring, time, comparing sizes/weights, etc.

Socialization - learning about self, family, community, world

Everyday!

- 1) **Zoo-phonics:** Signal and sound the “a – z’s” every day. Don’t forget Safari Sid on YouTube! Older children can practice their word lists. Signal and sound! Play different games with the *Lowercase Animal Alphabet Cards*.
- 2) **Literature:** Read a wonderful literature book aloud every day! This week, find books on “heroes.” There is a book called, “*Heroes: How Kids are Making a Difference*” illustrated by Janet Wilson. It contains 10 biographies about children in Africa who helped their communities by raising money (etc.) to help others.
- 3) **Technology:** You can locate videos on “heroes” (real and cartoon) online. Go to YouTube and look for “Real Live Heroes.” There are many examples of everyday people becoming heroes because it was required at the moment. Fire fighters and police officers do this every day!
- 4) **Signal and Sound:** Remember, as you share the lessons, remember to **Signal the first letter in key words**. Watch for underlined letters below.

Wednesday’s Lesson:

- 1) **Socialization:** Several weeks ago, we celebrated nurses and teachers as heroes. We just celebrated Memorial Day where we honored our military veterans. They are all heroes. Talk with your child (as simple or as complex as needed) about what the word “hero” means. We sometimes think it means that the person does dangerous things and never feels fearful. They may do something dangerous (or maybe not) but they might be very scared. They run towards the danger anyway. But you can be a hero without any danger. People who are kind to other people and care for others are heroes! Talk to your child about things s/he can do daily to help others. THAT is **heroic** too! Plan some “helpful” things for your child to do for others for the next several days. This could become a habit!
- 2) **Art/Music:** Play the “Star Spangled Banner” and learn about its history. Talk about the brave men and woman who have fought and sacrificed so that America could be its own country with freedom. Have your child color the American Flag below.



DID YOU KNOW? The national anthem of the United States is “The Star Spangled Banner.”

This song’s lyrics started as a poem but soon became a song written by Francis Scott Key. All night the fighting went on as the British ships bombed Fort McHenry in the Chesapeake Bay during the War of 1812. They fought all night. When the sun rose, Francis Scott Key could see that the American flag was still flying! It was torn and tattered but it was still flying, letting everyone know that America had won the war! Can you imagine the courage of the men fighting that battle?

