

ZEKE'S FUN AT HOME ACTIVITY CORNER

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Dear Zoo-Friends,

Today is going to be all about **SUPER HEROES!** It is going to be so much fun! 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. Older children can practice their word lists. Signal and sound! Play different games with the *Lowercase Animal Alphabet Cards*. Have you tried hiding the *Animal Letters* around the house or yard? Or the Fly Swatter Game with the *Animal Letters*? They are so much fun – give them a try!
- 2) **Literature:** Read a wonderful literature book aloud every day! This week, find books on “heroes.” There is a book called, *Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?: A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids* by Carol McCloud and David Messing. This is an amazing book that helps children learn how to appreciate others.
- 3) **Technology:** Locate cartoon Super Heroes online. Look for The Green Lantern, Wonder Woman, Spider Man, Starfire and Captain Marvel! See #1 below to make the connection.
- 4) **Signal and Sound:** Remember, as you share the lessons, remember to **Signal the first letter in key words**. Watch for underlined letters below.

Friday’s Lesson:

- 1) **Socialization:** Hopefully you’ve gone online to find the **Super Heroes** suggested in #3 above. Do you know that each one of these Super Heroes has a special quality? The Green Lantern’s quality is his **strong will** (inner strength). Wonder Woman fights for **justice and truth**. Superman’s quality is **hope**. Supergirl’s quality is **compassion**. Captain Marvel’s*** quality is **courage and perseverance**.
 - a) **Syllabication.** Take each word and clap out the syllables: strong will (1 + 1 = 2); justice (2) truth (1); hope (1); compassion (3); courage (2); courage and perseverance (2 + 4 = 6). Have your child repeat each word carefully so they pronounce each syllable.
 - b) **Discuss.** Take time to discuss each word. These are wonderful qualities that we need to possess. Help your child to see how s/he was courageous, had hope, protected someone (or something...a cat, dog), kept on trying even when it was hard (perseverance). Use the words below to post on your child’s wall. Keep talking about these wonderful qualities. **NOTE:** Perseverance is a really big word. What does it mean? Well, Captain American might fall down or but he keeps getting back up! He might fail the first time but he keeps trying! (This is so good when children are learning new things!)
- 2) **Recreation (Movement):** This is going to be fun! You are going to move like super heroes today! Stand tall like a super hero! (Do you think they slouch over or look sad? Never!) Pretend to fly! Shoot spider webs out of your hands. Pretend to crawl up a wall. Be physical: run, jump, kick! Hold a train from falling off the rails. Hold an airplane in the sky! Keep cars from crashing into each other! **We are counting on you and your child to save the world!**



*****DID YOU KNOW?** In the original Captain Marvel comic book, he was a man. In the 60’s, the creators of Captain Marvel changed the character to a strong female. She was an Air Force Captain. When they made the movie in 2018, this strong character was also a female!

Directions: Cut these words out and place them where your child can see them. Talk about them often.

strong will

justice

hope

compassion

courage

perseverance

