

ZEKE'S FUN AT HOME ACTIVITY CORNER

May 6 2020

Dear Zoo-Friends,

This week's playful lessons will **celebrate National Teacher's Appreciation Day, Cinco de Mayo and National Nurses Day!** 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 – anything that uses the hands and fingers

The Arts - literature, art & music

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

Social - learning about self, family, community, world

Everyday!

- ✓ **Zoo-phonics:** Signal and sound the “a – z’s” every day. Older children can practice their word list. Signal and sound!
- ✓ **Literature:** Read a wonderful literature book aloud every day! Remember to Signal the first letter in each important word that you read! Keep learning new words!



Wednesday's Lessons: First, it is National Nurse's Day and Week! And what better time to celebrate it than during this very challenging COVID-19 era. If you know a nurse, please thank them. What about bringing cookies to a nurse friend or the emergency ward in the hospital with a note of thanks. Enclosed is a picture of a nurse for your child to color.



National Nurses Day is celebrated annually on May 6 to raise awareness of the important role nurses play in society. It marks the beginning of National Nurses Week, which ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale. <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/national-nurses-day>

- 1) **Engineering (Busy Hands):** Make some simple squishy bags today. You need baggies, clear hair gel (or any kind of oil) and small treasures. *Directions:* In a Ziplock® bag, have your child take fill it (not bulging) with hair gel or oil. Now place a few coins, plastic animals, flowers, leaves – anything your child collects and place it in the bag. Zip it up. Now your child can feel the objects and move them around. Make several bags. *Variation:* Place “drips” of food coloring in the bag for your children to mix with her/his fingers.
- 2) **Math – English and Spanish:** Practice counting in English and Spanish: uno (1), dos (2), tres (3), cuatro (4), cinco (5), seis (6), siete (7), ocho (8), nueve (9), dias (10)! Match objects to the numbers as you say the English and Spanish number words.
- 3) **Recreation:** Move those bodies! Play some Mariachi music again and dance around the house or yard! Dance! Jump! Hop! Kick! Wiggle!

