

Top 5 COVID 19 Resources:

Navigating the Reopening of Schools:

Face to Face Model, Hybrid Model, Virtual Model



Planning for In-Person Classes

Planning for Virtual or At-home Learning

Resources to Navigate Stress and Uncertainty

Non-Government Resources



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Learning does not happen in one natural way but in lots of ways. Each individual learns differently. People learn differently in different cultural communities, countries and contexts, depending on what is available, who is powerful, what the norms and values are and how learning makes sense for different kinds of texts and circumstances. Learning has changed across time and looks different generation to generation. This is good news because it means that there are lots of ways to combine online, remote learning with in-person learning when it comes to young children.

At this time of COVID-19, teachers, parents, and caregivers are trying to figure out how to educate young children using online technologies. Schools and districts are trying to figure out how best to support parents and continue children's academic progress while they are away from school.

Here are some principles of early childhood learning that could be helpful in shaping how schools and districts approach daily or weekly support for children and families.

- **15-45 Minute Rule**
Give your full attention to young children for 15 minutes and then put an activity out or an online intervention so that you can work or complete other responsibilities for 45 minutes.
- **5 Senses**
Children learn by touching, listening, talking, moving around, observing and tasting. When things are taste, go outside for a short walk and see what children notice and let them use all their senses. Or let children explore materials in the house like rocks, leaves, sea shells, instruments or cooking utensils.
- **Balance online with in-person learning**
Children learn through their bodies. Online learning (listening to people read books, math facts, reading apps, etc.) should be evenly balanced with in-person hands-on activities like building, working, drawing or playing.
- **Pause on Your Knowledge**
Children want to learn about what parents are excited about. Teach your child to appreciate what you are interested in by letting them participate with you.
- **Learning happens by trial and error**
Teaching children is challenging and messy at times. We don't have to be experts to show love, attention and provide learning opportunities to young children. Young children learn to walk by falling down and so do their parents and caregivers.



Pre-K Virtual Lesson Example



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