

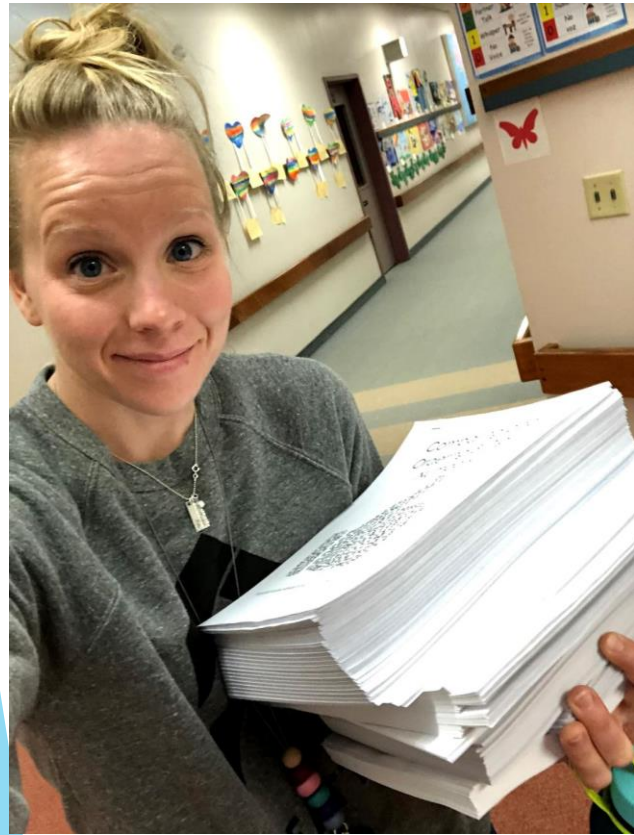
Staying Positive and Realistic During Distance Learning

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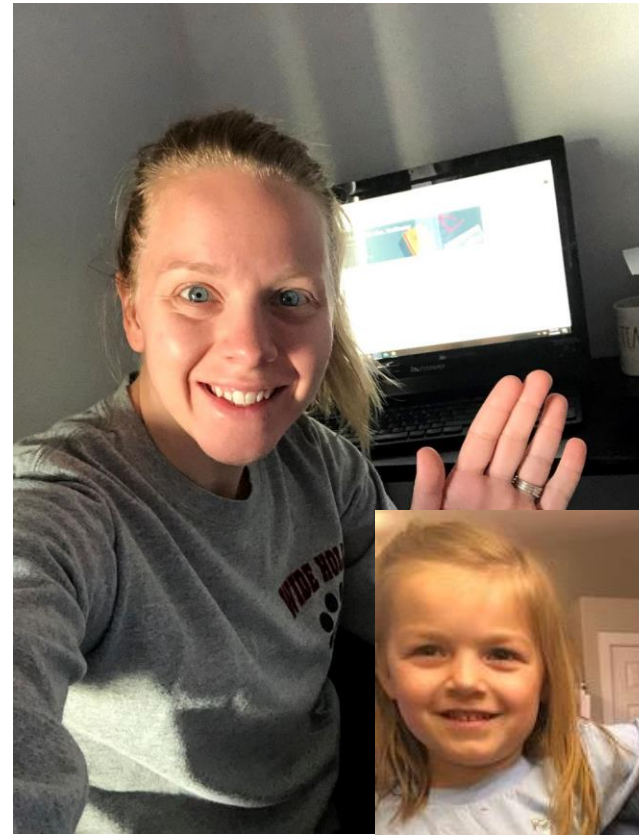
Friday 3/13



Monday 3/16



Tuesday 3/17



Have realistic expectations as the parent

No one expects you to recreate school

- Read with your child
- Talk with your child
- Play with your child

Give yourself grace

- "working out of the home" home learning parent
- "working at home" home learning parent
- "full time" home learning parent

We are all doing more jobs than we were 2 months ago.

Find the balance, keep the peace

Schedule (sort of)

Keep in mind

- ▶ It's not summer. Yes, kids, you have to get dressed. And brush your teeth.
- ▶ School space with limited distractions
 - ▶ Converted playroom
 - ▶ Kitchen table
 - ▶ Counter
 - ▶ Folding table in mom or dad's office
- ▶ Parent schedule
- ▶ Child's learning schedule
 - ▶ Checklist from teacher
 - ▶ Parent created schedule for kids
 - ▶ Kids might say they don't like schedules, but it's good for them

Schedule Example


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- ▶ 8:00 wake up, breakfast, get dressed, brush teeth
- ▶ 9:00 School starts Note: my girls are not independent. Mom and dad tag in and out of homeschool while the other works.
- ▶ 12:00 School ends
- ▶ 12:30 lunch
- ▶ 1:00-5:00 (ish) unstructured play
- ▶ 5:30 shower, tv time
- ▶ 6:30 dinner
- ▶ 7:30 bedtime routine
- ▶ 8:00 lights out, door closed
- ▶ After kids are in bed- we work some more

More working time for mom and dad



When creating your schedule



Attention Span by Age

AGE	ATTENTION SPAN
2	4 - 10 min
3	6 - 15 min
4	8 - 20 min
5	10 - 25 min
6	12 - 30 min
7	14 - 35 min
8	16 - 40 min
9	18 - 45 min
10	20 - 50 min

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Reach out to the teacher

-Remind

-E-mail

What's going well

What's not going well

Tell them what you or your child needs to be successful

Keeping motivation & a positive attitude with school

- ▶ Reward (bead jar)
- ▶ Make deals
- ▶ Brain breaks
- ▶ Snacks while working



Name: Harper

Phonics Reading Comprehension

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.



Zig the Pig



Zig is a big pig. Zig likes to put on wigs. Zig gets a blue wig. The wig is too little. Zig gets a red wig. The wig has a twig in it. Zig finds a good wig. The wig is big. The wig fits Zig. Zig is happy. He likes his new wig. He sits down to eat a fig with his new wig.

1. Who is Zig? (red)

Zig is the pig.

2. What does Zig like to put on? (orange)

Zig likes to put on wigs.

3. What does Zig eat? (green)

Zig eat fig.

Name: Harper

I Can Read it 3 Ways

Read and Sequence: At the Pond

Directions: Read the story.

Cut and paste the pictures to show the order of events.



At the Pond

I saw a lot at the pond today.
I saw a yellow duck swimming in the pond.
I saw the green frog hop on a lily pad.
There was a pretty white swan at the pond.
I also made my boat float at the pond.
I will go to the pond again tomorrow.

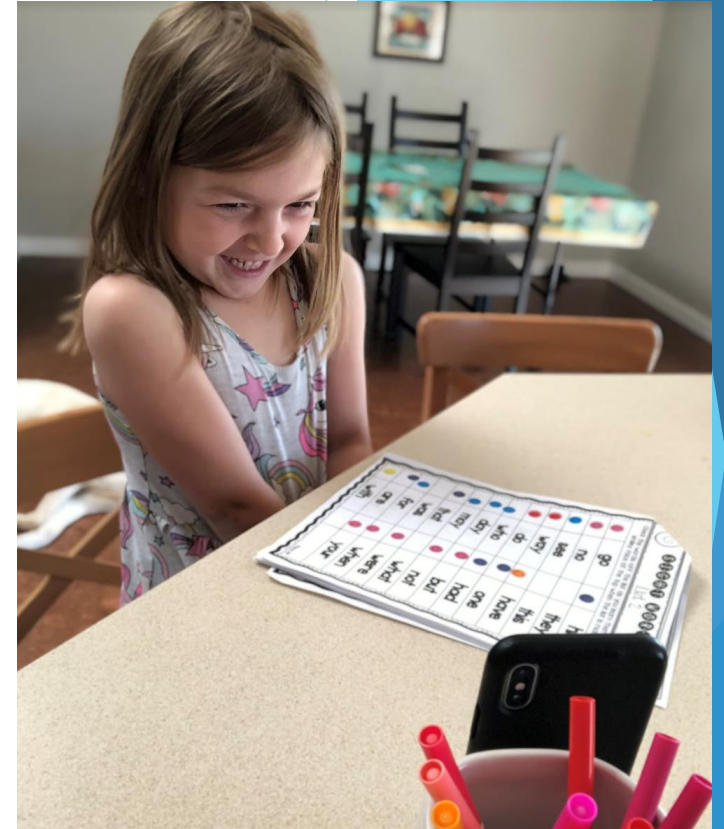


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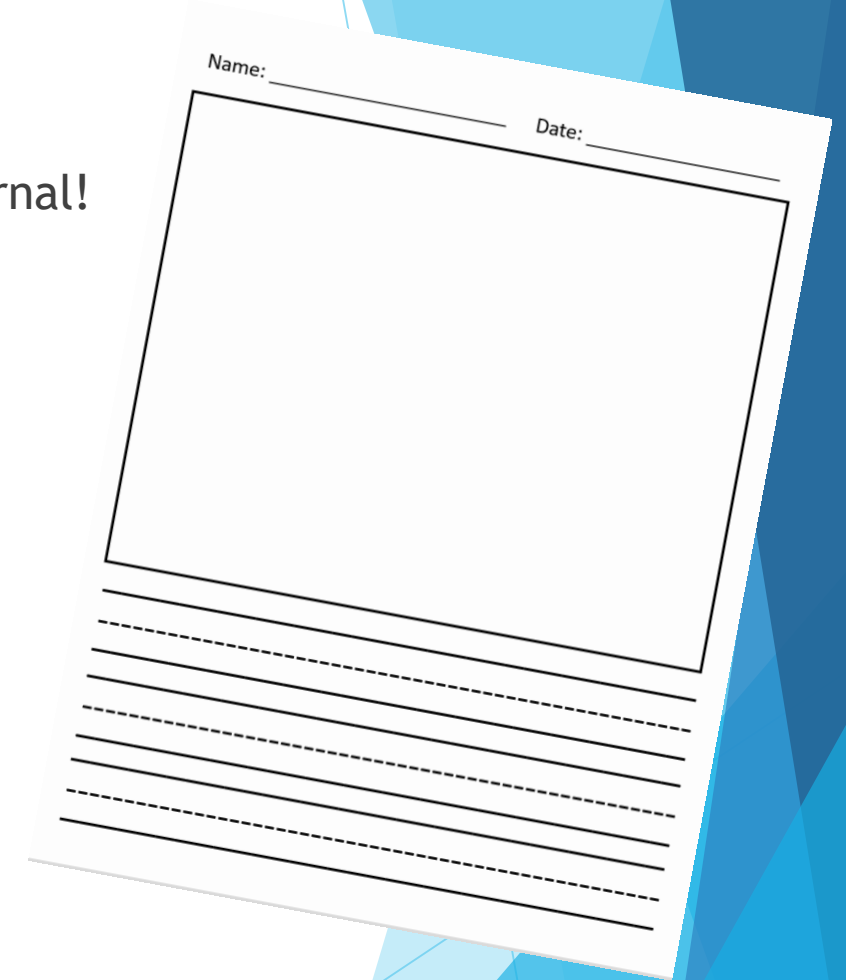
When things stop going well

- ▶ Know the red flags
- ▶ Be okay stopping school earlier than intended
- ▶ Reach out to the teacher- ask for support. They are there for you!



Ideas the teacher didn't give you

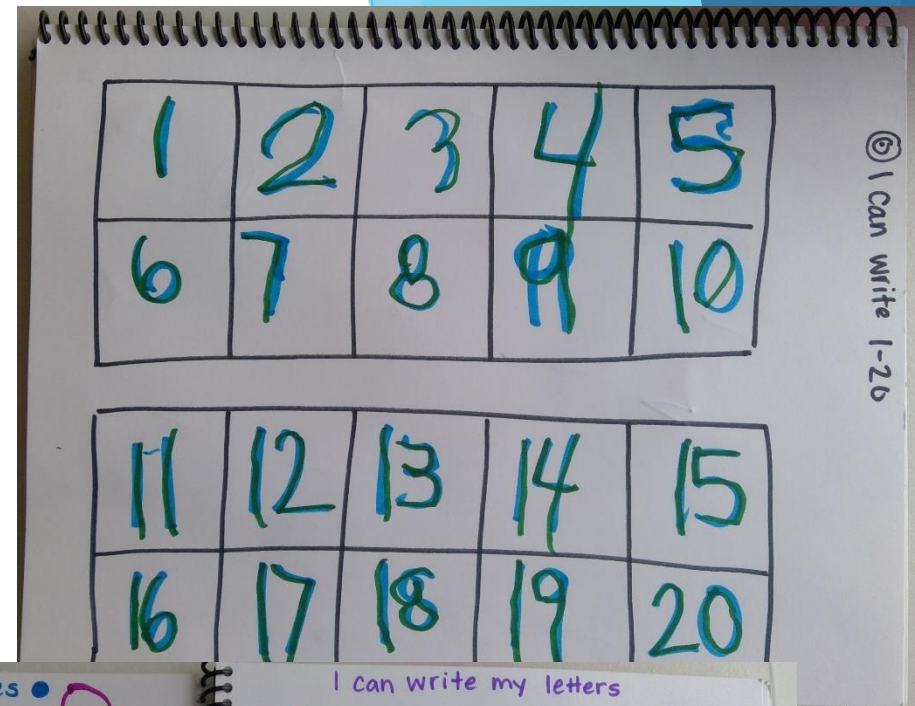
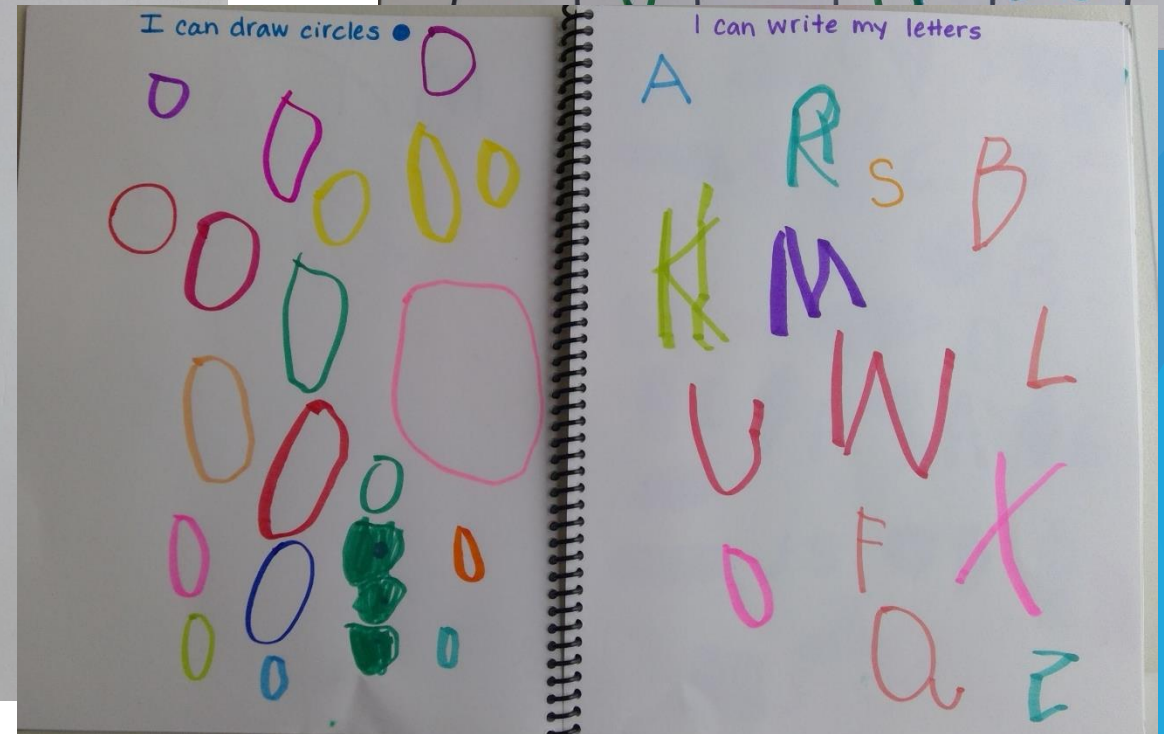
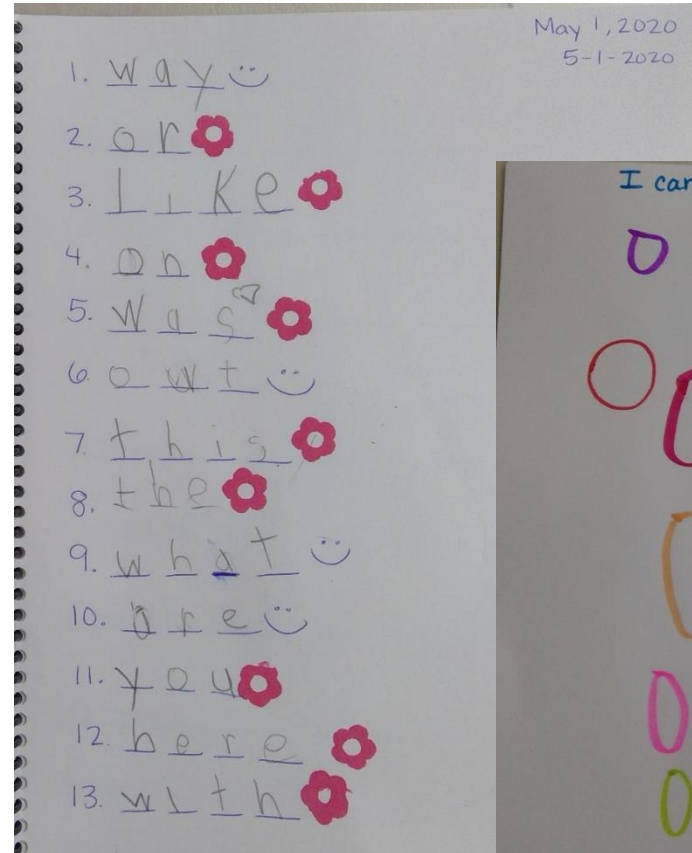
- ▶ Making a journal: grab some paper, staple it together. Instant journal!
- ▶ A book and a journal write



- Storyline Online
- Ask you teacher for website for free books

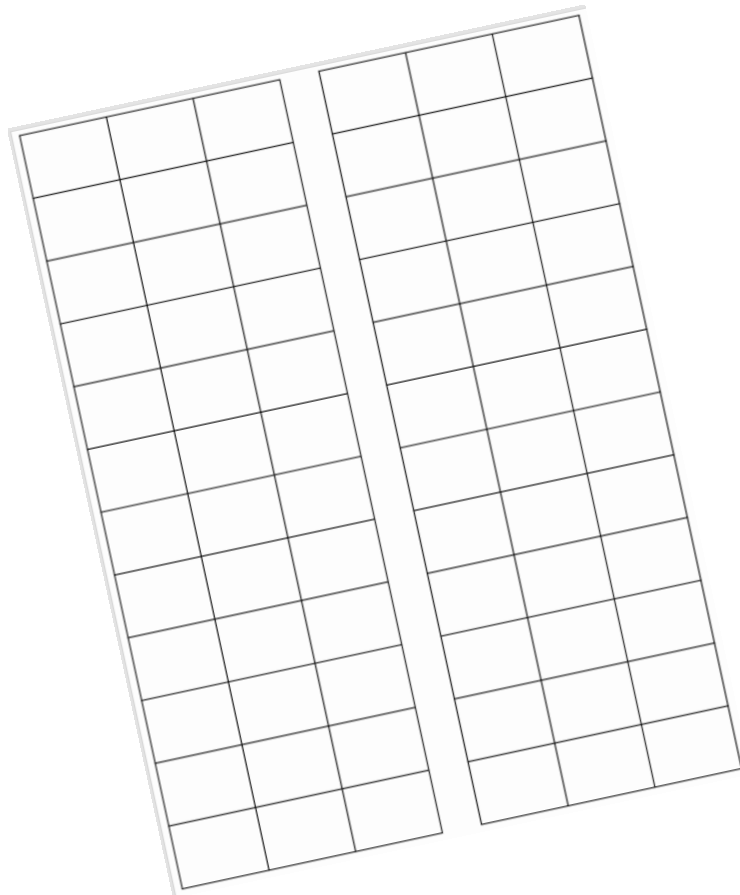
Ideas the teacher didn't give you

- ▶ Fine Motor journal (preschool, kindergarten, first)
 - ▶ Basic facts (addition and subtraction 0-10)
 - ▶ Letter sounds
 - ▶ Sight words
 - ▶ Shapes



Ideas the teacher didn't give you

- ▶ Number roll: grab some paper, cut it into strips, start with the number 1 and go as far as you can.



Other Valuable things to do at home

- ▶ Cook
- ▶ Build
- ▶ Household chores
- ▶ Take walks
- ▶ Board games
- ▶ Puzzles
- ▶ Art

Young kids will never say to you, “Mom/Dad, There’s something on my mind, can we talk?” What they will say is, “Will you play with me?”

If you do nothing else, do this:

- ▶ Read with our child
 - ▶ Talk with your child
 - ▶ Play with your child
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- ▶ Every day is not going to be good, but create moments that your child will look back on and smile.

Thank you!

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