

PLAYIFICATION
LEARNING
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Key Challenges

1. Relational
2. Academic
3. Support for educators
4. Accessibility
5. Family engagement and collaboration
6. Creating an academic environment at home
7. Isolation

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Take Care of Yourself

- Recognize your feelings:
 - Loss
 - Fear
 - Disequilibrium
- Draw on your creativity and experience
- Create a safe and defined space for – Your Physical and Emotional self

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Educator Support

- Ask for help
- You don't need to know everything – Share funds of knowledge
- Become a researcher with children

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The Power of our Profession

- Engage your creativity
- Be innovative
- Take risks
- Embrace the challenge

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Relationships First

- With children
- With Peers
- With Families
- With Colleagues



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Lessons from Mr. Rogers



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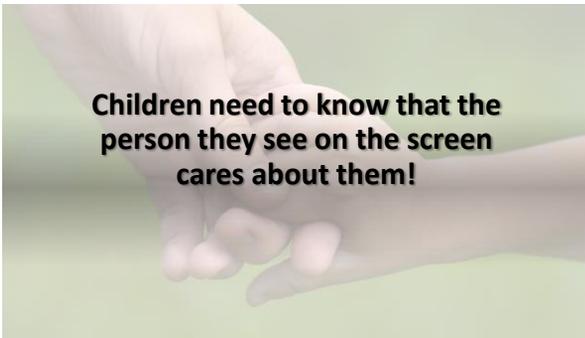
Promote a welcoming environment where children thrive



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Focus on What is Essential

- Decide on the knowledge children absolutely need to acquire and what skills they need to grow and develop
- Create opportunities for active exploration
- Invite children to share their discoveries

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Take Care of Families

- Align Expectations NOT rules
- Invite them to learn with the children
- Recognize family dynamics
- Respect culture



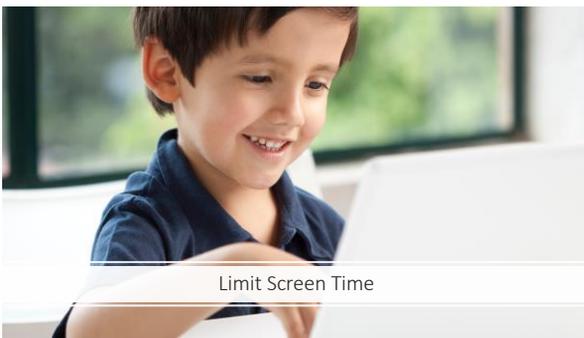
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Know the children and families.

- Learn about their values, histories, and traditions
- Send surveys ahead of time, spend time just learning about each other
- Decide ahead of time what you are willing to share about yourself



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Limit Screen Time

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Access to Technology



Families may have one table or computer that is being shared by more than one person

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Connectivity



Offer flexibility or alternatives for students to access materials online, for instance sharing PDFs instead of videos that require more bandwidth

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Focus on children's interest and Ideas

Let them play!

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Collecting Loose Parts at Home

Go on walks and collect the gifts of nature



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Collecting Loose Parts at Home

Go on a scavenger hunt at home and find ordinary objects to use in play and learning



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Types of Loose Parts Found at Home

Invite families to collect loose parts around the house that children can use to:

- Build
- Design
- Create
- Explore their feelings and ideas



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Using Loose Parts to Promote Learning

Use leaves for exploring scientific thinking



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Using Loose Parts to Promote Learning

Use rocks to compare and contrast attributes



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Using Loose Parts to Promote Learning

Water bottles to explore light and refraction



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Using Loose Parts to Promote Learning

Use cups, paper plates and cardboard tubes to explore engineering



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Using Loose Parts to Promote Learning

Use cans to explore building and construction



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Using Loose Parts to Promote Learning

Cooking utensils to explore sound, pitch and rhythm – Precursors to reading



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Using Loose Parts to Promote Learning

Use loose parts to explore storytelling



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Using Loose Parts to Promote Learning

Explore the meaning of print



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Using Loose Parts to Promote Learning

Use tile and glass beads to explore design thinking



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Using Loose Parts to Promote Learning

Use paper to explore the elements of art



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Using Loose Parts to Promote Learning

Explore mathematical thinking



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Using Loose Parts to Promote Learning

Invite children to take photos of their collections to share with the class on the next virtual meeting



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Playing with Loose Parts –
Making Connections to Standards and curriculum

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Support children's development of mathematical and scientific thinking

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Allow children to practice their first literacy behaviors and language in ways that make sense to them.

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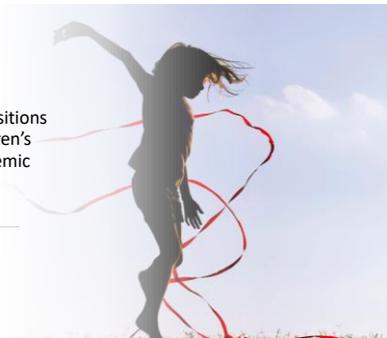
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Provide an avenue to express experiences, insights, and discoveries.



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Foster valuable dispositions that strengthen children's intellectual and academic capacities



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Most Importantly:
We must stay true to our belief that children learn best through play!



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With your passion for teaching, your commitment to Children and our support, together we can create engaging and creative virtual learning!

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