

Parents, Welcome to the world of Teaching!

The Education Department at Motlow College is pleased to provide some resources for you as you transition into teaching at home.

Some tips as you get started:

One critical component of teaching children of any age is to ensure that the material or your teaching strategy matches the developmental level and needs of the child. Doing this will alleviate frustration on the part of the child and the parent/ teacher.

As much as possible, relate new content and skills to something the child already knows or can do. Relate what you talked about previously prior to presenting new information.

Allow children time to practice new content or skills. Work patiently with them as a coach or mentor in helping them through content and skills that are new to them.

Try to be sequential with the content. Ask yourself, "Which information or skill should logically be presented prior to follow up information." In other words, what must the child be able to do prior to performing a new task?

For children through age 7 or 8, instruction should include some hands on engagement with materials the child can manipulate. This is especially true in math. If you take a walk around outside, ask children to write a story about what they saw. For young children, you might need to ask them to dictate sentences to you as you write. Then read their story back to them and post it on the refrigerator.

Most educators suggest having a regular schedule as much as possible for the "school day". This is helpful for all children as they are following a schedule at preschool or elementary school. A visual schedule is good for younger children. Take pictures of them participating in various activities, then post the pictures in the order you plan to do those things daily.

For young children, something as simple as working with a calendar is a good way to start your "school" session. Talk about the number of the day. Talk about the days of the week and point to these things as you mention them. Relate the numbers to other things...mention any special dates - birthdates- etc. Ask, "how many days is it until church day or cartoon day?"

Young children need to alternate between active and quiet activities.

Everything you do should not be technology based, though!!!! Just because technology exists for teaching, does not necessarily mean it is great!

Read aloud to the children EVERY day that you possibly can!!! Little children enjoy hearing the same story over and over. A chapter book would be good for second through 5th graders- just read a chapter a day Talk about the story and what is happening, the characters, etc. This will help build comprehension. The Little House books or Judy Blume books or the Mouse and the Motorcycle and Ralph S. Mouse books, and Tales of a fourth grade nothing are some of my favorites. Beverly Cleary is another one of my favorite children's authors.

For young children, it is best, when you can, to build curriculum around a theme which helps the learning and activities integrated.

Give them a break from "school" on the weekends! We ALL need a break!

Resources available for parents and children who are homeschooling due to school closings.

Many of these resources are great, though some have not been fully vetted and most are free. The Teachers Pay Teachers site may have some associated costs for resources. Some of the websites will allow you to click on the age group of the child in order to find appropriate resources.

www.pre-kpages.com The "start here" tab has many activities as well as the learning centers tab and the lesson plans. If you follow this group on face book, you will get new ideas very often.

www.Weareteachers.com If you follow them on face book, you will get new posts quiet often. Their website offers free printables. If you do not have a printer, you could use their document as a template to use with children. Choose an age or grade appropriate tab. Then, type in the topic or skill that you are teaching.

www.education.com free resources

www.educationworld.com free activities

www.nasa.gov

<https://teachers.net> lesson plans

www.storylineonline books and read a-louds

www.teacherscreated.com/free

www.readwritethink.org for letter recognition and writing from English teachers.

www.teacherspayteachers.com

www.edutopia.org

Get Connected with Lisa is a face-book page. Lisa has a real understanding of the developmental stages. Not all of her posts will be for use with children, but many will be. She has currently posted an outdoor scavenger hunt for children.

www.switcheroozoo.com: watch, listen and play games to learn all about amazing animals

www.funbrain.com: play games while practicing math and reading skills

www.kids.nationalgeographic.com: learn about geography and animals

www.pbs.org

www.reading.ecb.org for games that help with reading strategies

www.starfall.com for practicing phonics skills with read along stories

www.abcya.com for math and reading skills

www.highlightskids.com

www.worksheets.edhelper.com offers printable worksheets related to math, as well as other subject areas

www.scholastic.com/learnathome is a great site for resources for various grades

www.storylineonline.net to hear stories read

www.stories.audible.com has free read a-louds.... They are offering these free.

You-tube offers read a-louds by some authors. Patricia Polacco has several read a-louds on you-tube, as well as other authors.

www.tokybook.com is offering Little House in the Big Woods read a-louds

The Atlanta Fulton Public Library system is hosting streaming story-time online at 11:00 daily, 10:00 central time. And, there are archived videos of same on face-book, under streaming story-time - Fulton County Library.

<https://challengingbehavior.cbcx.usf.edu/resource>

<https://challengingbehavior.org/emergency>

www.adventuresinfamilyhood.com for 20 virtual field trips to take with your kids

Go to <https://rclstn.org> to obtain an ecard library card. Scroll down on the main page to the small strip of icons. Click on "get an ecard". They will give you a number after you fill out the form...write down that number!

www.abcmouse.com This was sent out by an elementary school.

www.brainpop.com This was sent out by an elementary school.

www.phonicshero.com This was sent out by an elementary school.

www.fit.sanfordhealth.org This site looks interesting and offers free resources..