Dear Parents/Guardians of Prekindergarten Students,

We have prepared a set of daily interactive activities that will keep your prekindergarten student engaged in the event of an extended school closure. These online resources can be accessed on the Office of Early Childhood Education’s website at https://www.philasd.org/earlychildhood/

The activities found on the website mirror activities that your child would engage in if they were in school. The activities focus on a variety of skills and support student progress in language and literacy, mathematical thinking, scientific thinking, social studies, and the arts.

As your child’s first teacher, your work at home supports the learning going on in the classroom. Here are a few tips to keep in mind as you work with your child:

1. Routines are important. Set aside a specific time each day to work with your child.
2. Complete one activity each time you work with your child. If there is an activity that is really enjoyed, do it again!
3. If your child becomes tired or frustrated, stop and come back to it at another time.
4. Praise your child’s effort as they work through the activities.
5. Enjoy this special time with your child.

To successfully participate in many of these activities, you will need to collect some of the following materials, many of which you will have at home! Please be sure to carefully supervise your child with all items.

- Paper
- Crayons or markers
- Pencils
- Household items (silverware, cups, coasters, barrettes)
- Plastic cups
- Snack foods
- Napkins or paper towels
- Paper plates
- Bag, shoebox or pillowcase
- Mirror or family picture
- Tape, if you want to display
- Radio or CD player (something that plays music)
- Prop for a microphone (hairbrush, paper towel or toilet paper tube)

If these items are unavailable, don't stress! Feel free to be creative and substitute as you see fit. We hope you find these activities fun and useful!

The Office of Early Childhood Education