

HiMama Helps Webinar

How to Run Virtual Circle Time



Your Hosts



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- ✓ Been an educator since 2008
- ✓ Strong believer in bringing the outdoors inside
- ✓ Loves learning through science and getting messy with an experiment
- ✓ Host of Himama Circle time



Topics Overview

- What is virtual circle time?
- Why is circle time helpful for parents?
- Activity ideas for circle time
- Preparation process
- Pre-recorded vs. Live sessions
- Filming equipment and editing
- How to share your circle time and engage parents



What is a Virtual Circle Time?



- Circle time is usually a critical part of a class' daily schedule
- Virtual or remote circle times are online circle time routines that are either live or pre-recorded by an educator
- Typically run by the children's teacher
- It usually sets the tone of the day for the class



How is virtual circle time helpful for families?

- Helps with mental health for the children
- Gives the child something to look forward to every morning
- Children get to speak with their peers and interact with their teacher in live sessions
- Helps parents establish a sense of routine



What activities can you do for Virtual Circle Time?

ProTip: Pinterest is your BFF for finding ideas

- A whiteboard/chalkboard
- Songs
- Books available online
- Use props!
- Split screen



Things you will need to film & edit

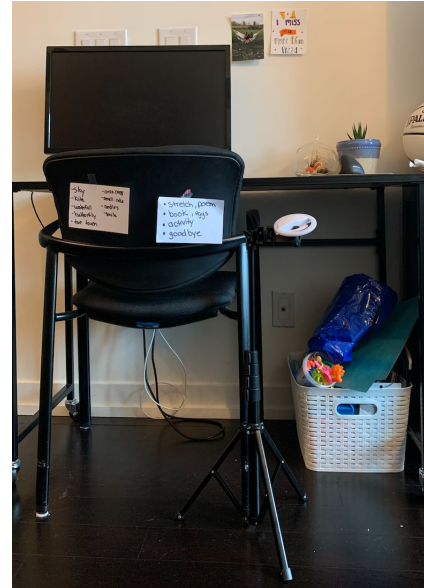
Types of equipment

- Computer
 - iPhone (Protip: wipe your lens!)
 - Ring light
 - Tripod
 - Popsocket
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- Edit in iPhone or iMovie



Setup for filming

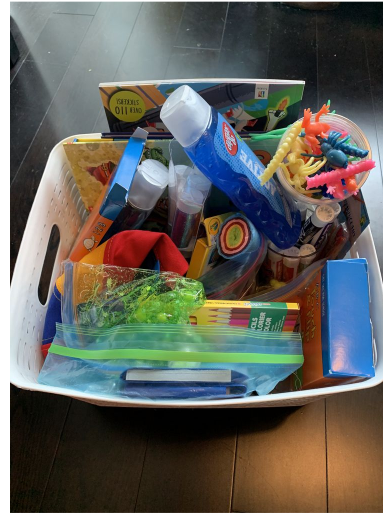
- Clear out and create a space for filming
- Have your prep materials accessible
- Write up cues to help yourself stay on track



Preparation Process - Step by Step

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- Plan it out (get creative with a spreadsheet!)
- Gather + keep materials in one place
- Lights, Camera, Position
- Go with the flow!



Pre-recorded Vs. Live sessions



● Pre recorded

- You can re-record if you mess up
- Lower chance of things going wrong on the spot
- Doesn't use a lot of wi-fi
- Can do it on your own time

● Live

- More audience interaction
- Great for building relationships
- Go with children's learning
- Lots of conversation
- Longer time-commitment

Both are meaningful!

Children are just happy to see you and learn with you!



Where to share the content?

Where?

- Facebook
- Youtube
- Instagram (IGTV or IG Live)
- Upload to YouTube
- Childcare app like HiMama



HiMama Customer Experiences

- Familiar way for parents to receive communications from centers
- Distribute virtual circle time content through the **message center**
- **Activity planner** - posting routines, lesson plans and activities for parents to refer to on their own time
- Use the **message center** to get updates from parents on the learning and development they are doing with their kids!
- We'll share a case study on how the Buffalo Zoo is keeping connected with families.



Open Audience Questions

What's Next?

- **Show Notes & Recording** - You'll receive an email linking to it tomorrow
- **Certificates** - We will be sending out a certificates email with a form to fill out for those who need them for PD
- Next session on **Managing Your Mental Health During COVID-19** will be next week from now on **Thursday (May 7) at 2 PM ET**



Let's continue the Q and A!

- We would love to continue questions for the Q and A session on our **ECE Professionals Slack Group**
- We're sharing **the invitation link in the chat** or you can access it in the **webinar reminder email you received 15-min before the session**
- Great place to get support, answer your questions, connect with attendees and hosts and lift each other up!



**We are all in this
together,
stay Healthy and
Safe!**

**Thanks for spending
your time with us!**