# HiMama Helps Webinar

**How To Run A Distance Learning Program** 





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# **Topics Covered**

- Virtual learning set up
- Supporting distance learning
- Tips to help balance in class learning and distance learning
- Parents benefits
- HiMama is here to help Activity Database





Virtual Circle
Time
(A Refresher!)



#### What is a virtual circle time?

- Circle time is an important as it holds the main learning theme for the day
- Became very popular during COVID-19
- Teachers can choose to record or run a live session
- Allows for the children to see familiar faces and interact with their peers (if live)







# **Equipment**

- Find the equipment that works for you:
  - Phone
  - Computer
  - Ring light
  - Tripod
  - Popsocket





# Set up filming area

- Clear a space for filming
- Prep materials
- Write up cues notes to keep you on track









### Plan it out

#### Step by step

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





## Record it, or live session?

#### 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!



## Creating a youtube channel

- Have teacher work from home by creating videos for learning
- This is a great way to involve staff who are still anxious about returning
- Post them on a **private youtube channel** for parents to access for their children.







# Kiah's Planning Process

- Get organized with a spreadsheet!
- Keep an ongoing document of learning outcomes and themes for circle time
- Lean into the children's learning
- Track children's learning and development





## **Kiah's Planning Process**

- Reflect and ask for feedback (other educators, families, peers)
- If something isn't working, treat it as part of the learning process
- Accommodate different learning styles







# Learning Styles!

- Audio and visual learners
- Tactile
- Don't forget that you're the pro & work with parents!





# **Distance Learning**



# Why have distance learning

- Many centers have adapted to having some sort of distance learning program
- Using as a supplemental income for children who have not yet returned
  - Creating packages for parents
- Provides value for families
- Protects your centers brand





## What is distance learning

- Distance learning is online learning
- Within the childcare setting it is best described as hosting virtual circle times or activities
  - Activities can range from how to set up activities to doing an activity while live with a group of children
  - Show and tell zoom conference







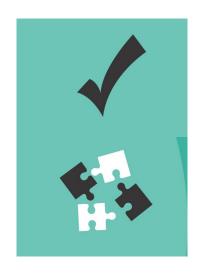
# Distance Learning Benefits & Challenges

#### Benefits

- If recording, parents can access videos at any time
- Children can learn at their own pace
- Centers are creating packages for parents so this helps with additional costs

#### Challenges

 Needing to be aware of everyone's tech and access







# Connecting In-class and distance learning

- Broadcast some classes live
- During a scheduled circle time and allow children to attend through zoom
- This will let children who are at home feel apart of their center
- Also for some social interaction





## **Building community**

- Important because you feel united and apart of something
- Buddy up
  - Have a child at home partner up with a child who is attending the center
  - Scheduled calls through Zoom,
     Facetime, Whatsapp
- Allow the children to work together on a project or sharing items they have





# Benefits for parents

- Helps aid in mental health
- Gives the child something to look forward to
- Helps parents establish a sense of routine









## Supporting learning at home

- Create a lesson bag
  - For the children at home send them a hands on lesson bag
  - The child and can attend a zoom call and participate in the activity with their peers
  - Example: Crayons, coloring pages, personal playdough, small containers of paint with brush

HiMama's activity center is is also designed to use materials you already have at home



12 Busy Bags for your busy toddler!







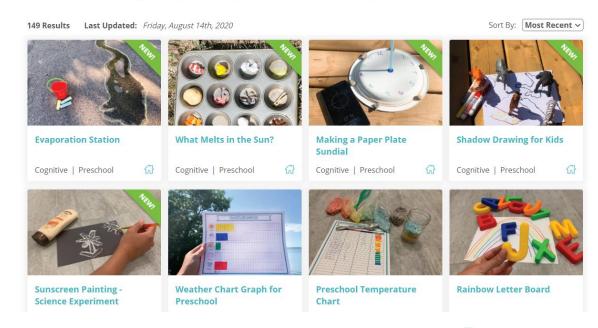
# **Activity Center**



# **Daycare Activities**

#### New activities added every week

Looking for daycare activities to add to your repertoire this school year? You came to the right place. We curated a variety of arts and crafts that will help the development of your children and enhance their motor skills. Explore shapes, colors, textures and have fun!





Domain

Cognitive
Emotional
Literacy
Physical
Social

Age

O Infants

O PreschoolO School-Age

O Toddlers

Theme
O All About Me
O Animals
O At Home Kids
O Beach
O Bugs
O Christmas

Ve'd love to chat!

## Ice Cream in a Bag -Science Experiment

Shake up some homemade ice cream on a hot day! This science experiment can be done with any age group. Younger kiddos will enjoy the sights and sounds of shaking the bag and older kiddos will enjoy the science behind the salt and ice!









#### **Enjoy this cold summer treat on a hot day!**

This fun activity can be done inside or outside and is super fun to make without any fancy tools or machine. The children can visually see how the salt affects the ice and watch in real time how the liquid ingredients become more solid inside the bag, creating ice cream! This ice cream activity is hands-on, and if your bags are durable enough they can get out some energy from kiddos by shaking and throwing the bag around!

Explore with flavors! Add some chocolate syrup, cut up berries or sprinkles to the mix to switch up the ice cream flavors!

♦ Did you know? When salt is added to water, the freezing point of water is lowered, causing the ice to melt. This lowers the temperature of the water even below the freezing point of fresh water.

#### Materials

For this activity you will need:

1 cup whole milk or whipping cream

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 tsp vanilla extract

1/3 cup rock salt

1 gallon size bag

2 sandwich size bags

#### **Learning Outcomes**

Cognitive

Collecting and interpreting information

Skills



#### Instructions

#### Step 1:

Pour milk, vanilla, and sugar into the sandwich bag.

#### Step 2:

Push the air out of the bag and seal it closed. You might want to double bag to avoid spills. If so, place your sandwich bag inside another sandwich bag and seal it.

#### Step 3:

Add ice to your gallon bag until it is about half full. Add the salt.

#### Step 4:

Place your sandwich bag inside the gallon bag and seal it tight.

#### Step 5:

Shake, shake, shake it up until your ice cream freezes - around ten minutes in most cases. Watch the salt and ice melt together to get the creamy liquid inside the bag super cold!

- For older preschoolers: You can start the conversation about freezing and melting and how the salt affects the ice to help the ice cream process.
- For younger toddlers: Little hands may get cold easily; have them wear oven mitts or wrap the ice cream bags in a tea towel to help them shake it up!







Can download as a PDF to send to families or keep on file



Open Audience Questions





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#### What's Next?

- **Show Notes & Recording** You will receive an email linking to resources and this recording tomorrow!
- Our next session will be Back To School & COVID-19
   happening next week at the same place and same
   time September 3rd





# We'd love YOUR input!



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