Welcome!



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Parenting during COVID-19: Finding a New Normal



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How are you feeling about this school year?



Goals of this Parent Engagement Session

Recalibrate our own stress management skills as adults

 Discover purposeful strategies for using this time as an opportunity to tend to our children's social and emotional development

Gain tips and tools for our families

Emotional Intelligence (EQ)

- Skills are not linear
- Skill development varies across individuals and stages
- Important to be intentional



Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)

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Building Blocks for Learning

Independence and Sustainability

Perseverance

Mindsets for Self and School

> School Readiness

Healthy Development



Turnaround for Children



Building Blocks for Learning



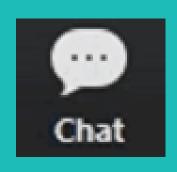


"...Place the oxygen mask on yourself first before helping small children or others who may need your assistance."



Strategy Share





What is one strategy you already use to calm down when you're feeling stressed?

Healthy Coping Strategies

Practice
mindfulness
breathing every
day (not just
during difficult
moments).

Count to 10 before responding.

Take a quick walk.

Tense your shoulders, then release. Repeat with arms, belly, legs, and feet.

Have a go-to positive phrase, such as "I can handle this."

Think of or watch something that makes you laugh.

Incorporate aromatherapy.

Name and welcome the uncomfortable emotion.



Eliminate Unhealthy Coping Strategies







Practice Self-Care



Set Self-Care Goals

Physical Self-Care

Eat regular meals (i.e., breakfast, lunch, and dinner)
Eat healthy
Exercise regularly
Get regular, preventive medical care
Get medical care when needed
Take time off when needed
Engage in a fun physical activity (e.g., dance, swim, walk, run, etc.)
Get enough sleep every night
Wear clothes you like
Take day trips or vacations
Make time away from phones and screens
Other:



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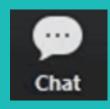
Emotional/Psychological Self-Care

Make time for self-reflection
Write in a journal
Meditate/practice mindfulness
Read literature that is unrelated to work
See a therapist
Engage your intelligence in a new area (e.g. go to a museum, sports event, theater
performance, etc.)
Do something at which you are not expert or in charge
Let others know different aspects of you
Practice receiving compliments from others
Say "no" to extra responsibilities
Other:









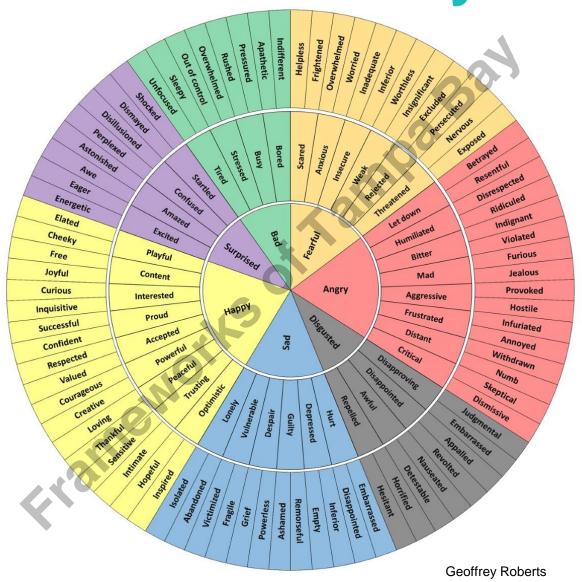


Talk About Emotions

- Normalize all emotions
- Emotions are different from behaviors
- Emotions can be mixed
- Emotions vary in intensity
- Emotions lessen over time



Emotional Vocabulary Wheel



Mood Meter

Livid	Panicked	Frustrated	Shocked	Stunned	Energised	Thrilled	Ecstatic	Euphoric	Exhilarated
Enraged	Terrified	Peeved	Worried	Annoyed	Positive	Connected	Joyful	Enthusiastic	Elated
Irate	Frightened	Angry	Nervous	Concerned	Glad	Inspired	Нарру	Motivated	Excited
Furious	Anxious	Agitated	Unsure	Excluded	Amused	Focused	Cheerful	Proud	Surprised
Disgusted	Scared	Troubled	Restless	Uneasy	Satisfied	Pleased	Hopeful	Optimistic	Lively
Apprehensive	Ashamed	Guilty	Deflated	Complacent	Easy-going	Safe	Chilled	Respected	Blessed
Sullen	Glum	Disheartened	Discouraged	Bored	Relaxed	Secure	Content	Thankful	Fulfilled
Exhausted	Fatigued	Sad	Miserable	Pessimistic	Thoughtful	Composed	Calm	Grateful	Tranquil
Alienated	Depressed	Disappointed	Tired	Confused	Mellow	Peaceful	Balanced	At Ease	Collected
Despair	Inconsolable	Anguished	Hopeless	Lonely	Listless	Sleepy	Restful	Comfy	Serene

Energy

Pleasantness

https://www.vasseps.wa.edu.au/ Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence



Talking with Your Child About COVID-19

- Check your own anxiety first
- Be honest and stick to the facts
- Keep it age-appropriate
- Reassure them
- Ask what questions they have
- Ask how they are feeling talk, draw, or write
- Acknowledge and validate their feelings
- Example language: "I can understand why you would feel worried.

 That's very normal. The idea of getting sick is scary. I am here to listen any time you want to talk about it, and we will keep doing what we need to do to stay safe."
- Monitor your own information intake



Monitoring Your Child's Wellness

- Signs to watch for:
 - Stomachaches
 - Headaches
 - Irritability
 - Change in sleep patterns
 - Clinginess
 - Distancing



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Model and Practice Calming Strategies

Examples:

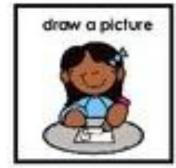
- Sing
- Watch something funny
- Take a hot bath
- Repeat a positive mantra
- Crinkle some paper
- Go to your calm-down space



















TeachersPayTeachers - Daily Differentiation

Identify a Calming Space

- Identify before there is an issue
- Include drawing and writing materials
- Post calming strategies
- NOT time-out... their choice to go

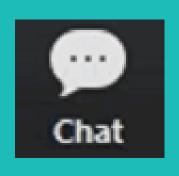






Life Lessons





What life lessons might our children learn during this time?

Create a Schedule

- Stability and structure are comforting
- Co-create and post a schedule
- Plan for revisions
- Use a timer
- Have designated workspaces keep materials there

Elements of a Schedule

- Morning routines get outside
- Academics
- Brain breaks
- Movement/fitness
- Creativity
- Connection with friends and family
- Service to others
- Emotions check-in and goal-setting; highs and lows
- Family duties/chores
- Nap time/quiet time and ample sleep





Sample Schedule

Before 9:00 AM	Wake up!	Make your bed, eat breakfast, brush teeth, get dressed				
9:00-10:00	Outdoor Time	Family walk or outdoor play				
10:00-11:00	Academic Time	No Electronics! Reading, homework, study, puzzles, journal				
11:00-12:00	Creative Time	Creative play, drawing, Legos, crafts, music, cooking, baking				
12:00-12:30	LUNCH	70				
12:30-1:00	Home Chores	Clean rooms, put away toys, take out garbage, pet care				
1:00-2:30	Quiet Time	Reading, nap, puzzles, yoga				
2:30-4:00	Academic Time	Electronics OK! Educational games, online activities, virtual museum tours				
4:00-5:00	Outdoor time	Family walk or outdoor play				
5:00-6:00	Dinner time	Family dinner, help with clean-up and dishes				
6:00-7:00	Bath time	Bath or shower				
7:00-8:00	Reading/TV time	Relaxing before bedtime				
9:00 PM	Bedtime	Put on PJs, brush teeth, clothes in laundry				

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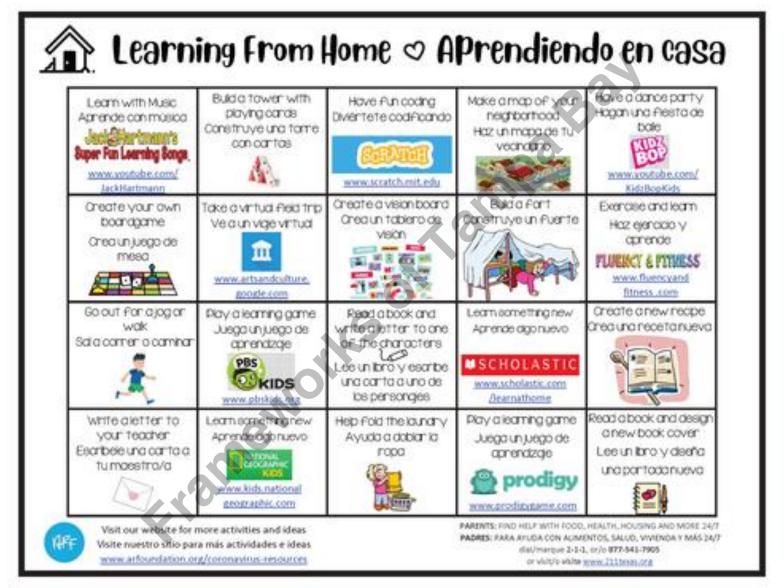


Sample Schedule



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Make it Fun



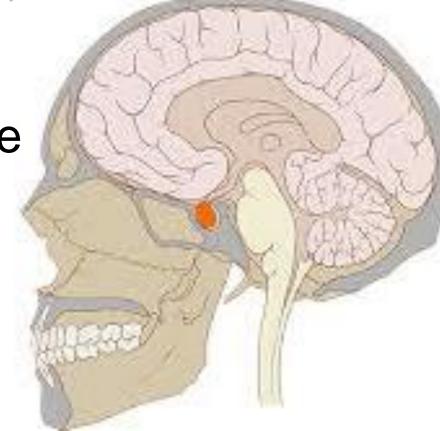
Boost Your Oxytocin

Oxytocin = love and bonding hormone

Cuddle, hug, give shoulder rubs

Say "I love you"

Notice the positive and offer praise



What's one strategy you are going to try at home?



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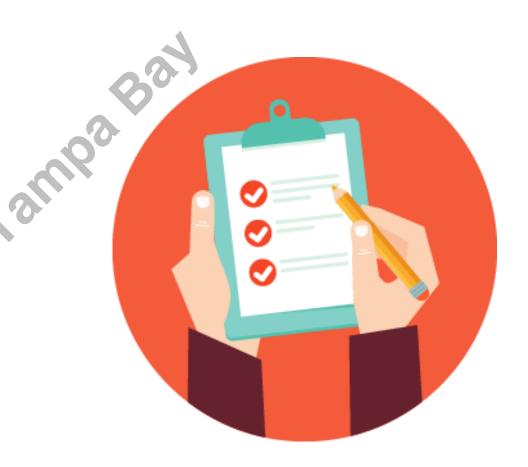
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