



# Ms. Gina's Weekly News



Week of May 26 - May 29, 2020

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are coming towards the end of our school year! Normally we would be focusing on the social skills to help us with transitioning to Kindergarten such as sharing, turn-taking, and making friends. We are going to try out best to do this remotely, by listening to videos and stories. You can help your child by having conversations with them about these new things they will experience. Remember even in normal circumstances the transition to a new school and a new class can be an overwhelming for children; so always speak about the change in a positive and exciting manner. Talk about all the new friends they will make and how much they will learn with their new teacher etc.

Reminder: Keep up the great work! Please continue sending pictures of your children engaged in activities and remember to view the daily posts on Class Dojo for attendance.

Take care and be well!

Ms. Gina

Monday May 25, 2020 - No School Memorial Day

Tuesday May 26, 2020

Book Suggestion: *Swapsies: A Book About Sharing* by Fiona Robertson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMaQJIDuaGM>

Video Suggestion: Sesame Street: Elmo's World - Sharing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PxJIOLCbeDE>

Sesame Street: Two Headed Monster Takes Turns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-leZvqQauWY>

At Home Activity: Talk to your child about what it means to share. Do they like to share with their friends? What about sharing their most favorite toy? That's not always easy to do! But it can also make you feel good when you share your most special toys with your friends! Remind them how they used to share and take turns with their friends at school. Ask your child to tell you about a time they shared with a friend, how did it make them feel? Ask your child to draw a picture of two friends sharing. How do the friends in the picture feel? Are they happy?

### Wednesday May 27, 2020

Book Suggestion: *Peanut Butter & Cupcake* by Terry Border

Teacher will upload video

Video Suggestion: Friends Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVCKj0T9-gc>

Sesame Street: Because we are friends

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAjXikmipv4>

At Home Activity: Talk to your child about the story. This book is about making new friends. When your child goes into kindergarten, they will be making new friends. Ask your child to think of ways they can make friends. Have your child draw a picture of their favorite part of the story. See if they can write the names of the food characters in their picture.

### Thursday May 28, 2020

Book Suggestion: *Be Who You Are* by Todd Parr

Teacher will upload video

Video Suggestion: Learning Friends: Fox and Penguin Take Turns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKNdRxoDLKw>

Feelings Song for Children by The Learning Station

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AiQiMZQM39c&list=PLGFbLr4QyN12SZRT8WKIP39SNXoaYr16e&index=29&t=0s>

At Home Activity: Create a cutting box for your child. Allowing your child to practice cutting helps them to work on their fine motor skills. Draw different patterns, shapes, and lines on colored paper. Place them in a box and your child can pick out different patterns to cut. This link contains directions but you can make a variation of this using any kind of empty box you have at home.

<http://www.acraftyliving.com/cutting-busy-box/>



**Friday May 29, 2020**

Book Suggestion: Howard B Wigglebottom Learns to Listen

Teacher will upload video

Video Suggestion: Classroom Manners: Can You Teach My Alligator Manners?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viRbh0TK3WU&list=PLT\\_2VgUnMzNO-Z9KLRnE8IGCkLUv7vr1E&index=5&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viRbh0TK3WU&list=PLT_2VgUnMzNO-Z9KLRnE8IGCkLUv7vr1E&index=5&t=0s)

I Can Follow the Rules Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQxK-Ah7has>

At Home Activity: Play "school" with your child. Practice skills such as raising your hand and waiting to be called on and follow directions like sitting criss-cross applesauce and lining up. You can role play using small toys, dolls or figures. Talk about things to do in school that are good choices. See if your child can help teach the toys how to make good choices in school. Have your child draw a picture of a good choice they can make in school. For example, sitting quietly and listening to a story the teacher is reading or sharing toys with friends.

