

School cancelled because of Corona: What children can learn at home

Dear parents!

- Let your child choose books to read aloud.
- Read aloud and talk to your child about the story.
- Let your child choose something together that he or she can read on their own. Let your child tell you about it later.
- Play card games together (such as Uno, 9 out, 6 takes, 4 wins, Skat etc.), dice games and letter games such as Scrabble and writing games like „city, country, river“ or similar.
- Make a game out of counting everything: „How many chair legs are there in our house?“
- Let the children build and construct with LEGO or similar (e.g. also according to building instructions) and be interested in the products.
- Encourage your child to write stories or diary, also on the mobile phone/PC.
- Let your child watch the „Programme with the Mouse“ on television (from 18.3. daily or on the Internet) or other knowledge and material programmes (KIKA and similar). Have them write it down or draw/record what they liked.
- Give each other 1x1 or plus and minus tasks and invent together further arithmetical problems.
- Provide the child with everyday materials such as tins, boxes, strings, paper, paint, scissors, pens and glue for crafting and drawing etc.
- Go outside together, observe plants and animals. What you don't know, you can take pictures and research at home in books or on the internet and write down the results.
- Restrict pure media consumption and use mobile phones and tablets for creative tasks (trick in apps, creating multimedia books, programming).
- Pick out old clothes and have the children perform a role play or theatre play.
- Give the children puzzles or riddle books.

Remember that closing the school is a chance for children to be more self-determined in doing what is important to them and not always have to learn according to adult wishes. But that does not mean leaving them alone with media such as television, computers, tablets and mobile phones..

So: parents can encourage, suggest, participate, but above all they should ask the children what YOU are interested in, what YOU know and want to do, and then come to common agreements.

Come through this time well!
Your primary school association