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## IN THE NEWS

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### **Lowry Teachers Connect with Children and Families**

Like so many teachers across the nation, Lowry teachers have been working hard over the past few weeks to stay connected with children and families, providing resources for at-home learning and fun, as well as resources for parents about development, health and community resources they may access.



- The classroom teachers are helping families connect to the curriculum used at the Lowry Center. HighScope provides resources and ideas for families, parents have access to the parent component of HighScope, and the teachers are incorporating materials and ideas consistent with the curriculum into their communications with families.
- The teachers are using the Seesaw App as a platform for providing interactive learning

video clips and home learning ideas. Seesaw allows for families to post videos, pictures and audio recordings of the activities they are doing at home. Families can view and respond to one another. It also allows teachers to respond to children and families when they post.

- Consistency and connection are key! Teachers are acknowledging and celebrating birthdays (just like they would at school) and encouraging parents to do similar things during a part of the day at home that children would do at school (read, draw/write, sing, dance and get messy).

Several Lowry teachers have also been doing additional work to help their individual classes continue learning from home:

- **Toddler AM:** Margaret and Jessica have been making videos of classroom songs and reading books. These are put on a private YouTube channel. They are also having families send pictures of what they are doing at home to share in the newsletter.
- **Toddler Full Day:** Theresa and Autumn are sending out a daily Home-School Connection Letter with child lessons and parent resources (along with a “Humor Share” that provides some levity). They are also creating a birthday activity for children having birthdays.
- **Preschool A:** Chantay, Erica and Kendra are providing weekly lesson plans and interactive learning video clips. They included a video modeling how to do the “Guessing Bucket” at home (one of the children’s favorite activities at school that promotes critical thinking and language development).
- **Preschool B:** Amie, Dawn and Ashleigh send a weekly email with activities from the COR (the curriculum assessment tool for HighScope), in addition to links to other resources for families, such as DIY paint recipe using household items and ideas for scavenger hunts around the house (mimicking a very popular lesson at Lowry).
- **Pre-K A and Pre-K B:** In addition to the above activities, Pre-K teachers Karina and Emily (Pre-K A) and Jenny and Josh (Pre-K B) have provided ways at home to do the activities that were consistent parts of the daily routine at school. For example, a weather chart was sent home and children can graph the daily weather, just like they did at school (literacy, mathematics). They also sent a sample Recall Page, so that children can continue their emerging writing skills by drawing/writing about what they did at home (language, literacy, fine motor).



*An example of Miss Autumn's "Humor Share" for her Toddler Full Day kids and parents.*

## **BIRTHDAYS**

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If you do not wish to have your birthday included, contact [Trevor Tyle](#).

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