Inspire Readers
A supportive resource from the Hawai‘i Association of School Psychologists (HASP)

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go" - Dr. Seuss, "I can read with my eyes shut!"

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MONDAY

Learning to read is exciting, especially with the use of word games! Word games are great because they are entertaining for individuals of all ages, and they help young children focus on sounds and letters to develop early reading skills. When playing word games with kids, we facilitate meaningful, positive interactions and demonstrate that playing with words is fun!

Activity: Help your keiki improve their language, literacy, and conversational skills by playing a word game with them today! Check out the Resource section below for links to possible word games.

TUESDAY

Keiki may not have an understanding of the current crisis. Reading is a great opportunity to teach them accurate information about COVID-19.

Activity: Complete the Johns Hopkins COVID-19 activity with your keiki.

WEDNESDAY

Celebrities are offering online story time! A variety of books are available, read by different stars.

Activity: Gather with your keiki for story time! Storyline Online features actors reading alongside produced illustrations. Each book has a complimentary activity guide!

THURSDAY

Imagination is a gift many keiki have! Engage their creativity through story telling. This activity may require adult support with things like spelling and mechanics. However, encourage keiki to use their own thoughts and ideas - the sky's the limit!

Activity: Inspire your keiki's imagination by helping them create their own story!
FRIDAY

Multi-sensory learning is a way of teaching that engages more than one sense at a time. Using sight, hearing, movement, and touch gives keiki more than one way to connect with what they are learning. This helps the content “come alive” and activates different parts of the brain. Multi-sensory learning can be applied to all concepts and helps with mastery.

Activity: Engage your keiki in a multi-sensory approach to learning. This can be drawing letters in sand, water, or finger paint. You can also show your keiki a letter, then have them trace it with their finger while saying the sound. For higher level readers, try having them act out scenes while reading.

WEEKEND FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Have a honest talk about emotions and feelings.
Read together as a family.
Play family games. Encourage creativity and imagination by putting together art activities.
Cook together.
Take a nature walk around the neighborhood.
Start a garden.
Create an obstacle course.
Limit exposure to the news and other possible sources of negative influence.
Have open and honest discussions. Answer any questions keiki may have while encouraging their sense of safety and security.
Allow alone time, if possible, and facilitate opportunities for self-reflection.

READING RESOURCES

Johns Hopkins Activity:
Celebrity Stories:  https://www.storylineonline.net/
Multi-Sensory Reading:
Free Reading Games and Activities:  https://www.education.com/games/reading/
https://www.themeasuredmom.com/reading-activities-and-resources-for-parents/