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COVID-19 Resources

New Webpages for Teachers and Families

We've compiled a set of tools and tips on CLI Engage for teachers and families. We hope they will be helpful as you support children during this unprecedented period, following public health guidance for social distancing to control the spread of COVID-19. You can find these webpages under the Tools & Resources tab on CLI Engage or by using the below web addresses.



Teacher Resources for COVID-19

CLI Engage features many resources to support schools and teachers in maintaining relationships with families and offering supports for learning at home. The featured resources are components of our [family engagement toolkit](#) and are divided into the below listed sections for easy reference.

Teacher Resources Webpage: <https://cliengage.org/public/tools/materials/covid-19-teacher/>

- Talking to Children about COVID-19
- Partnering with Families for Home Learning: Selecting Activities
- Partnering with Families for Home Learning: Sharing Activities
- Receiving Feedback about Children's Learning
- Other Resources for Very Young Learners at Home

Family Resources for COVID-19

We selected these resources to help your family keep children engaged in meaningful learning, while you're home together during this unexpected period at home.

Family Resources Webpage: <https://cliengage.org/public/tools/materials/covid-19-family/>

CIRCLE Family Activity Collection

Featured Weekly Lessons for At-Home Learning

We are selecting and posting a new set of activities each week that families can do at home. These hands-on activities only need common household materials and include simple instructions. Our featured weekly activities can help supplement resources shared by teachers, building on family relationships to support learning.

Week 1 Activities

Create a Journal

Learning Areas: Reading & Writing
Age Groups: 3-5 years old

Help your children log what they're doing while at home over the next few weeks. Make a simple journal for your child and encourage them to write or draw about people and experiences.

Snacktime Counting

Learning Areas: Math & Science
Age Groups: 2-4 years old

Practice math while your family eats a snack together—everyone needs to take a break. Using cereal or another snack food, your child can practice early math skills like counting and one-to-one correspondence as they improve fine motor skills.

Clean Up with Simon Says

Learning Areas: Language & Communication
Age Groups: 4-5 years old

Tidy up in a fun, productive way at the end of the day. Play a Simon Says game to help your child follow verbal instructions with two or three steps.

All By Myself

Learning Areas: Social & Emotional
Age Groups: 3-5 years old

Support your children to develop their self-concept and hopefully do some things by themselves..so that parents and older siblings can do their own work. Read a book with your child about doing things independently, and then make an "all by myself" train out of paper.

Week 2 Activities

Building with Boxes

Learning Areas: Science, Language & Communication
Age Groups: 3-5 years old

Reuse those delivery boxes! In this activity, you and your child will build something sturdy out of a cardboard box.

Listening Walk

Learning Areas: Language & Communication
Age Groups: 3-5 years old

Ready to go outside? In this activity, children will strengthen their listening skills by focusing on hearing different sounds during a walk outside.

Same Sound Object Matching

Learning Areas: Reading & Writing
Age Groups: 4-5 years old

In this activity, children will use listening skills to determine whether two objects have the same beginning sound. Extend this activity by having your child put away items that start with the same sound!



Looking for More Activities?

Go to cliengagementfamily.org to access the full **CIRCLE Family Activity Collection** available in English and Spanish. Here teachers and families can search through hundreds of research-based activities to find fun, playful learning experiences for children ages birth through 5 years-of-age.

Search the collection by:

- Language (English or Spanish)
- Child's Age
- Learning Areas
- Video Demonstrations

CIRCLE Activity Collection: Family



The **CIRCLE Family Activity Collection** translates child development research into practice by providing a variety of hands-on activities that **families can do at home**. This collection is organized around seven learning domains: **Language & Communication, Reading & Writing, Math, Science, Social & Emotional, Physical Development, and Art & Sensory**.

Infant & Toddler Resources

Developmental Milestones

Developmental milestones are skills most children can do by a certain age. There are important milestones children achieve at each stage of life. Each child is an individual, so it is important to remember that a milestone checklist is only a guide for growth and development. Some children may achieve skills a little earlier and some children may achieve skills a little bit later; however, certain skills tend to develop within predictable age ranges.

Infant and Toddler Developmental Checklists

These checklists can help families with young children at home become aware of what skills are expected at what ages and acknowledge what their child is accomplishing—a first smile, a first step, a first word. Parents and caregivers can use these to track important milestones in children's development from birth to 48 months of age. The below linked English and Spanish checklists are divided into age ranges and areas of development: Health & Motor, Social-Emotional, Cognitive, and Language & Literacy.



Downloadable Checklists:

- [English](#)
- [Spanish](#)

Free CLI Engage Access for Families

CLI Engage offers an extensive array of online resources divided into two packages. [TSR Online](#) is our comprehensive preschool teacher training program with the goal of helping children be better prepared for school. Many public school, charter school, and Head Start programs across the state use TSR Online resources, though [eligibility requirements](#) do apply. To meet the needs of everyone interested in research-based early childhood resources, we created [Public Access](#).

We welcome you to invite your families to sign up for free Public Access to CLI Engage. Public access resources are available at no cost, with no eligibility requirements. All that is needed is for family members to go to the CLI Engage [sign up page](#) and create their own account. Here they can take a variety of informative online courses, search additional activity collections, and even save their favorites in a personal collection.

- [How to sign up for a Public Access account](#)
- [How to navigate the Public Access resources](#)

Enhancements to CLI Engage

CLI Engage Changes Made on March 25

Periodically updates are made to CLI Engage to enhance existing features and publish new tools for our users. Learn more about the most recent updates listed below by reviewing our [enhancements webpage](#).

Changes to Classroom Observation Tool (COT)

For those using the COT, we removed teacher goals that were set but unmet during the previous school year. We also created an automatic clean out of unmet goals to occur each summer during the database rollover prior to the new school year.

Improvements to Texas Rising Star (TRS) Features

We added several new features to CLI Engage that impact TRS center users, mentors, and assessors.

- Event log date modified field
- Event log notification calendar tool
- Expanded comments for TRS assessment tool

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