You are doing great!! This is a time like no other! We all wish we could be together at school. However, there are some special moments in this situation. This family time really is precious. I know I have enjoyed waking my son up and not having to race to get out of the door to sit in traffic. You are so important to your child. Be sure to take care of you. Young children learn by doing so…learning is always happening. Lessons are simply planned learning. Following is a list of activities you and your child can do together. As you spend time doing these or other activities, you are helping your child expand their vocabulary and build background knowledge. What that means is that your child is developing an understanding of the experience or concept. Then when new and more experiences happen, your child can build connections and relationships between the new and prior knowledge. (The importance of prior knowledge became very evident to me as I tried to learn all of the technology. I really had nothing for the new learning and information to connect to.) As you spend time doing the activities, talk a lot!!! Imagine as if you are telling someone everything and anything about the project, materials, directions, etc. Ask a lot of questions. Make observations. The language and vocabulary components are very important.

Enjoy these activities as much and as often as you like. If there is a question of whether to do a worksheet or an activity, pick the activity!!

Cooking and baking

Meal Planning

Checking the weather forecast

Building with Legos/ blocks/K'nex

Puzzles

Board and card games

Listening to music

Coloring, drawing, painting

Writing a letter

Taking a walk/ watch the clouds

Cleaning

Gardening