

### L'éducation physique et sportive (EPS)



COVID-19 Edition

Did you know that your child needs at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day? There are so many reasons your child needs to be physically active; for me, the most important reasons are getting blood flow to the brain and satiating the sensory systems. Your child needs physical activity in order to focus and think clearly. Your child also needs physical activity to help calm his/her sensory systems – this will lead to less of the sensory-stimulating, ants-in-the-pants behaviors that drive us parents crazy.



- 1. NATURE BRACELETS
- 2. BIRD WATCHING
- 3. PAINT WITH NATURE
- 4. WORM HUNTING
- 5. MUD PIES
- 6. EXPLORE A NEW PLACE

CLOSE TO HOME

- 7. STONE SOUP
- 8. PUDDLE JUMPING
- 9. NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT
- 10. SINK OR FLOAT

- 11. ROCK PAINTING
- 12. RAINBOW COLOR HUNT
- 13. TREE/LEAF RUBBINGS
- 14. BUILD A NEST
- 15. TAKE A CLOSER LOOK
- 16. BUILD A BUG HOTEL
- 17. GO ON A BIKE RIDE
- 18. NATURE SENSORY BIN
- 19. LOOK FOR ANIMAL TRACKS
- 20. BUILD A DEN/FORT

- 21. TINY TREASURES
- 22. SIGNS OF SPRING
- 23. NIGHT WALK
- 24. NATURE FACES
- 25. NEW TRAIL
- 26. PAINT WITH MUD
- 27. WATER PLAY
- 28. SALT DOUGH FOSSILS
- 29. EGG HUNT
- 30. ANIMAL OBSERVATION

Source: Neurochild Community (Facebook)

### What to do with your kids outside?

- **1. Go on a nature hunt.** Sometimes this means trying to find something specific, like a star-shaped branch, or more general like collecting leaves in every color. Bring a pail, or paper bag, and we fill it with all of their treasures.
- **2. Go on a hike to the river, a creek, or a waterfall.** Throw rocks or sticks into and see where they go.
- **3. Build fairy houses.** Anything can become part of a fairy house! Mosses, sticks, leaves, bark and flowers to create little homes.
- **4. Bring it inside (responsibly).** Make a little nature display for your home.

Source: https://twincitiesmom.com/power-play-outside/

#### Get outside, if possible.

I'm not sure what the recommendations are on going to the playground, but getting out hiking is a great way to keep distance from others while enjoying the outdoors. It is recommended that we spend at least 2 hours outside per week in order to enjoy the many health benefits of being outside – especially those related to mental wellness.

The Nature Conservancy published this list of the top 10 nature places to take your kids in the Twin Cities. Check before you go to see if these places are open to the public, some are only seasonal and some may be shut down. A couple more of my family favorites that are not on the list include Afton State Park and Willow River State Park in WI.

# Wild About the Twin Cities! Top 10 Nature Places To Take Your Kids in Minnesota

Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary

Fort Snelling State Park

Helen Allison Savanna

Lake Elmo Park Reserve

Minnehaha Falls at Minnehaha Park

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Springbrook Nature Center

Three Rivers Park District

Richardson Nature Center Hyland Lake Park Reserve Elm Creek Park Preserve

Gale Woods Farm

William O'Brien State Park Wood Lake Nature Center



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#### **OPEN PhysEd Active at Home curriculum**

This is a complete physical activity curriculum for you to do with your kids at home. It has a unit plan for a five-day week, lesson plans, activities, and a monthly Drop Everything and Move calendar. It was created in response to all of the school closures across the country.

The curriculum is available here: <a href="https://openphysed.org/activeschools/activehome">https://openphysed.org/activeschools/activehome</a>

If it requires a log-in, you can create one for free, or you can access the whole module here: <a href="https://openphysed.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/ActiveHome ActivityPacket.pdf">https://openphysed.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/ActiveHome ActivityPacket.pdf</a>

Here is the DEAM calendar for March: <a href="https://openphysed.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/03-CAL-DEAM-March-Final.pdf">https://openphysed.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/03-CAL-DEAM-March-Final.pdf</a>

Here is the curriculum map: <a href="https://openphysed.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/AH-X7-ActiveHome-tome-tudyCurriculumMap.pdf">https://openphysed.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/AH-X7-ActiveHome-tudyCurriculumMap.pdf</a>

By the way, I'm home on maternity leave. Students at Upper Campus watched a video of my baby's heart in utero so they could see the four chambers and the valves opening and shutting. Here's what baby Claire looks like now:



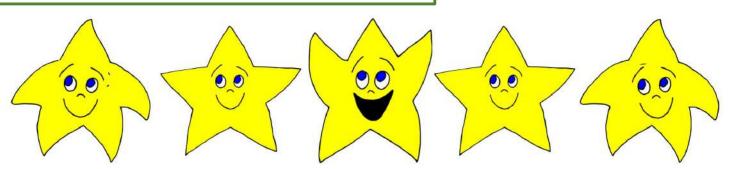


Physical Education E-learning Resources These are all links.

- <u>Health Moves Minds Elementary</u> March Calendar
- Health Moves Minds Elementary March Calendar (Spanish)
- Follow along dances
- Cosmic Kids Yoga
- GoNoodle!
- A table of resources created by PE teachers around the country
- #HPEatHome (scroll down to this hashtag for the activities)
- <u>Capn Petes Home Activity Visual</u> Packet.pdf
- PE E-Learning Packet

### COVID-19 DAILY SCHEDULE

Wake up Morning walk Academic time 11:00-12:00 Creative time Lunch 12:50PM Chore time 1:00-2:30 Quiet time Academic time Afternoon fresh air Dinner Free TV time 6:00-8:00 Bedtime Bedtime



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