

# Family Connections for Language and Learning

Spring is a time for  
hope and renewal!

In the wake of everything going on, Family Connections for  
Language and Learning is still committed to being there for all  
our Deaf/hard of hearing families!

## **In This Issue**

Deaf friendly educational resources

Hands on activities for busy bodies

Fun family recipes to do with your children

A visual guide to talking to your children about a pandemic

Have fun, enjoy your children and if you need help, reach out to  
your Parent and/or Deaf Mentors with Family Connections for  
Language and Learning.





Can kids participate  
in play dates or sleep  
overs while they are  
off from school?

The simple answer is **NO**.



## Keeping Children Busy and Learning

Everyone's home for a few weeks, so what do we do now? How do we keep children entertained and keep them learning? These are all questions that many parents have right now. Most of us are not savvy homeschooling moms that know what we are doing, so we need help! For Parents of Deaf/hard of hearing children, we may also be worried our little ones are missing out on critical language opportunities. There are a lot of resources out there, and it can seem overwhelming. Have no fear- we are here to help!

Here is a list of online resources that are Deaf friendly and great for all ages!

### Speech/Language

StoryPlace.org

PBSkids.org: Between the Lions

FunBrain.com

Scholastic.com

The Tongue Twister Database -

<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/chat/818470/posts>

Family Tips/Activities

<https://www.jtc.org/ideas-advice/>

### Experience Books

<https://hearingfirst.org/en/blog/2016/08/16/experience-book>

[https://www.jtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Eyes\\_on\\_Experience\\_Books1.pdf](https://www.jtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Eyes_on_Experience_Books1.pdf)

### ASL Resources

#### **ASL Stories, eBooks, and Other ASL Educational Resources for Parents & Kids**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rgAG1vqyU1RALOZOXSvdyPk0Y4gPN51jOFTqLKN00hw/edit?fbclid=IwAR03sVtddn4DWnDEF\\_wtioptZD8eDz1vj-iSTTbDxkc7whn8PZoWGdRKBbs](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rgAG1vqyU1RALOZOXSvdyPk0Y4gPN51jOFTqLKN00hw/edit?fbclid=IwAR03sVtddn4DWnDEF_wtioptZD8eDz1vj-iSTTbDxkc7whn8PZoWGdRKBbs)

### Learning ASL

<http://signitasl.com/>

[https://www.gallaudet.edu/asl-connect/asl-for-free?fbclid=IwAR0AFj3QSZGpaXI\\_CsPWZ55v1ELCISbLHxa8DjF-aSXkEnARIEEpMsYlQcM](https://www.gallaudet.edu/asl-connect/asl-for-free?fbclid=IwAR0AFj3QSZGpaXI_CsPWZ55v1ELCISbLHxa8DjF-aSXkEnARIEEpMsYlQcM)

<https://www.handspeak.com/word/most-used/>

<http://lifeprint.com/>

[https://tubitv.com/series/1604/signing\\_time](https://tubitv.com/series/1604/signing_time)

<http://aslnook.com/>

### Science & Math

#### **Khan Academy:**

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

#### **Xtra Math - ASL & CC**

<https://enasl.xtramath.org/#/home/index>

**DeafTEC - STEM Sign Video Library.**  
<http://deaftec.org/stem-sign-video-dictionary>

#### **Cincinnati Zoo**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CincinnatiZooTube/videos>

#### **Atomic Hands - ASL STEM Videos**

<https://www.atomichands.com/>

#### **ASL Core - ASL STEM Vocab**

<https://aslcore.org/>

#### **ASL Clear - Science -- ASL older kids**

<https://clear.aslstem.com/app/#/>



# HANDS ON Activities

**Have an active child?  
Here are some great ideas to keep  
those little hands busy!**



## Sorting by Color

**Materials needed:**

**Laundry basket (or large box)**  
**Different colored toys**  
**Construction paper**  
**Tape**

Tape paper to the floor  
Have your child sort and learn colors!  
For added benefit, have them say or sign  
the color as they sort!

*Twins&coffee.com*



## Edible Painting!

Let your kids get creative with no  
worrying about them eating the paint!

**Ingredient list:**

**Vanilla Yogurt**  
**Food coloring**  
**Clean paint brushes (or fingers)**

*Talesofamessymom.com*



## Rainbow Sprinkle Sensory Bag

**Materials needed:**

**Zip lock bag(s)**  
**Sprinkles**  
**Duck/ Painters Tape**  
**Craft Stick (for writing)**  
**Add in sprinkles**

**Instructions:**

Add sprinkles to bag  
Close the zip lock bag leaving no air inside  
Tape your bag for security and holding down  
Tip: You can double bag for extra security

## Time to Bake!



### BREAD IN A BAG

IT'S EASY & IT WORKS!



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#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 gallon sized resealable plastic bag
- 3 cups flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 packet yeast (rapid rise or regular)
- 1 cup warm water
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon salt (this can be to taste)

#### DIRECTIONS:

- Combine 1 cup flour, sugar, and yeast packet in a bowl.

- Pour into a resealable (Ziplock style) bag.
- Add warm water. Seal bag, pressing out air.
- Begin shaking and mixing the bag by hand
- Set bag to rest for 10 minutes (proofing)
- In a bowl, combine 1 cup of flour with salt. Pour into bag along with melted butter.
- Seal bag again, pressing out air. Shake and mix again.
- Open bag and add in last cup of flour.
- Seal bag, and mix for final time.
- Pull out dough and place on a floured surface.
- With floured hands, knead dough for 5-10 minutes
- Place dough in a greased loaf pan.
- Lay towel over the loaf pan and set it in a warm spot in your house. Allow the dough 30-45 minutes to rise
- Bake at 375 for 25 minutes

## Recipes to do together!

### FROZEN YOGURT GRANOLA CUPS



### Frozen Yogurt Granola Cups

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#### INGREDIENTS

Makes 12 granola cups.

- 1 cup granola
  - 1 Tbsp. butter (melted)
  - 1 Tbsp. Honey
  - 24 oz yogurt of choice
  - Fruit of choice
- (we used blackberries, raspberries, and chopped strawberries)

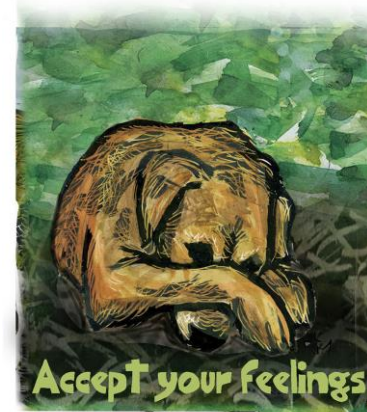
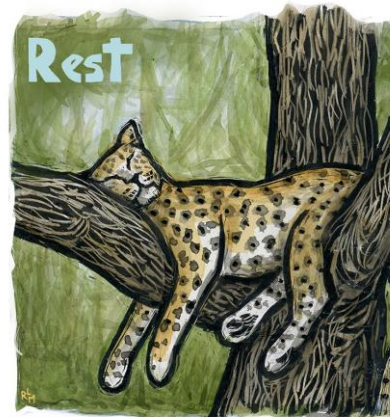
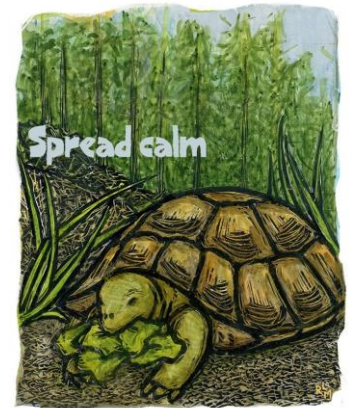
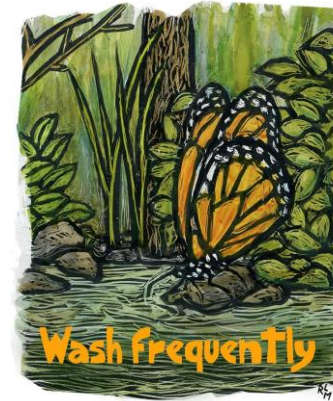
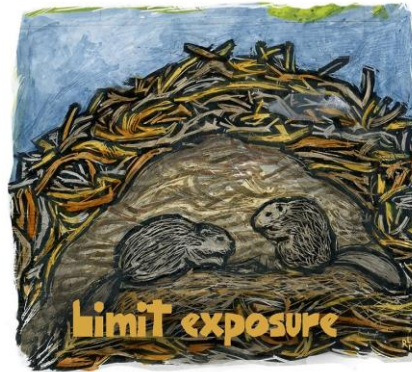
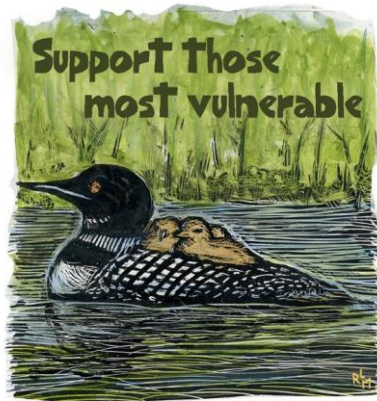


#### PREPARATION

- In a bowl, combine one cup granola, one Tbsp. melted butter, and one Tbsp. honey. Mix well.
- Fill a muffin tin with cup liners and divide granola mixture across all, evenly covering the bottoms.
- Fill each cup with yogurt and top with fruit.
- Freeze for two or more hours.



# A VISUAL GUIDE TO TALKING TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT A PANDEMIC



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