

There are so many wonderful creative ideas and websites circulating but here are a few of our favorites for ARK families to consider & explore!

Parents, please post your favorites on class Shutterfly sites!

Feist singing 1.2.3.4! on Sesame Street

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZ9WiuJPnNA>

Reading of Ten Black Dots by Donald Crews

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vl6KtYJp7m8>

Great article detailing the need to focus on mental health when school returns (regardless of onsite or online).

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/nickmorrison/2020/05/15/its-not-childrens-education-we-should-worry-about-its-their-mental-health/#2a8341651fcb>

<https://www.naeyc.org/resources/blog/toddlers-guide-sensory-activities-home>

May is Staff Appreciation Month!

**Please share your reflections about the leadership, programming and staff at
The Ark Children's Center.**

How do I begin to describe the amount of appreciation our family has for the Ark Staff. The teachers create experiences for my child that make learning fun and authentic. Even through this pandemic they have been right by our side giving us the verbiage and examples to try and make the learning transition seamless at home. Not only do they providing an engaging learning environment they also show through their actions and planning that they genuinely care not only about our children, but also our families. They are aware that learning goes beyond the classroom walls. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, for all you do and for always remaining positive and professional in the most difficult of times!
The Sanz Family

What I LOVE about the Ark staff is that the teachers give so much of themselves to the children. They are always so loving, kind, giving, thoughtful, and generous. They obviously care about these kids so much and they always have big smiles, open arms, and kind hearts. Even after my kids leave the school, they remember their teachers and they talk often about what they have learned over the years. I cannot think of a better place to begin an education and to plant the seeds of Christian learning.
The Haris Family