

TAFT EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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TAFT UPDATE - 3/20

Thank you all for your patience and support during these unprecedented times. I greatly appreciate all the emails that I have received!!!

Consistency is critical in times like these, especially for our little ones. Please speak with your families to talk about continuing routines and putting predictable schedules in place. Though not the same as attending school, developing a schedule that includes experiences around academics, well balanced meals, physical movement, and rest are important.

I know that this is an uncertain time for all of us as educators, parents, spouses, and as citizens of the world. I also know that there are many questions that you have, both personally and professionally. I appreciate your support and patience as we continue to roll out our plans during this unprecedented situation. Please feel free to call or email, jbelle@uxbridge.k12.ma.us. I will continue to provide you with information as I receive it.

Stay healthy!

Principal Bellville

This week at Taft:

- Taft closed for students until April 6th
- Building closed to the public
- Meal-to-go pick up Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Important Telephone Numbers

Taft Early Learning Center

Main Office - Telephone	508-278-8643- press 1
Pre K Director	508-278-8643- press 2

Parent Teacher Conferences/Report Cards:

Report cards were mailed today. Individual classroom teachers will be reaching out shortly to hold parent teacher conferences that were scheduled for yesterday and today by phone next week.

District Website:

Please visit the district website on www.uxbridge.com and click on the UPS Remote Learning in the center page. This will bring you to an abundance of resources to do with your child. Many of these activities do NOT require technology. Here are a few highlights from some of our staff that you want to be sure to check out!

ART: <https://www.instagram.com/taftart/>

*I am creating a virtual gallery for students to share all the drawings, paintings, and creations that they are making at home. Please email me: (bouellette@uxbridge.k12.ma.us) if you would like me to post your artwork and share it with the Taft Community. I will also be posting art challenges and different resources to keep you creating! Give the page a follow if you would to see what everyone is making.

TECHNOLOGY: Click [this link](#) to access a letter from Mrs. Quintiliani and **Computer/STEM** activities available at a variety of ability levels both on and off line.

LIBRARY: Click on the following link to hear stories read aloud by Ms O'Donnell - https://www.dropbox.com/sh/egdq0gnh2cw96ej/AAB-D5smgZUf_Z2aZ5_-hgvOa?dl=0
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY/PHYSICAL THERAPY SUGGESTIONS:

Go Outside:

*Go for a walk - have a scavenger hunt - use items and paint or decorate things they find

*Draw with sidewalk chalk

*Play hopscotch

*Make a movement path with chalk

*Write numbers or letters on the ground with chalk. Call them out and have your child spray them with a spray bottle (or call out addition and subtraction problems, sight words, etc.)

*Play catch with different sized balls, bean bags

Imaginative Play:

*Play beauty shop and let your child brush and do your hair

*Play restaurant with any of their plates or cups, make menus with paper (use plastic food or make it out of paper/magazines)

*Play doctor - make tools to use out of paper - stethoscope, arm cuff

*Play school and let them teach you - write letters, words, numbers on wipe boards, easels, paper on walls - have them teach you how to do a project

*Play veterinarian with all their stuffed animals

*Play library and have them check out their books

Sensory Play:

*Add measuring cups, funnels, spoons, small toys with the items listed below in a large bowl or container

*Make oobleck (2 cups corn starch to 1 cup water, add food dye if desired)

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*Make cloud dough (4 cups flour to 1/2 cup oil)

*Make slime - hide small objects then find them

Meals-to-go (See attached flyer):

The Uxbridge Public Schools Food Service Department is committed to providing breakfast and lunch meals-to-go for students who qualify for Free and Reduced meals during this district wide school closure. We recognize that these may be difficult times for families.

Pick up for all school meals will be at our central location at TAFT EARLY LEARNING CENTER. Distribution will be set up outside the cafeteria doors on the sidewalk. Families are asked to enter the drive-up/pick-up line and pull up to the curb with the cafeteria doors on your right side. We ask that everyone remain in their vehicles while our staff distributes meals.

Meals will be distributed the following days from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Tuesday, March 17th	Monday, March 23rd
Wednesday, March 18th	Wednesday, March 25th
Friday, March 20th	Friday, March 27th

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