

KINDERGARTEN
TWIN RIDGES HOME STUDY

TENTH LEARNING PERIOD
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LETTER TO PARENTS

May 5, 2019

Dear Parents,

Congratulations! You have made it to May and the last Learning Period. Your year of Homeschooling your Kindergartner is almost complete.

This is a moment of learning, growth and completion of the school year. It is a very long month, packed with good weather and opportunities to thrive.

Take a moment to scan the learning periods of the past and make notes of anything you might want to go over or repeat. You might divide the last four weeks into Science, Mathematics, Language Arts, etc. so that each week you take one subject and review it or repeat a lesson for review. Try to make it appropriate for this season.

Twin Ridges Home Study has a "Step Up" Ceremony at the end of school and you might want to attend. Another way to do this for your child is to honor the moment in a fun way, perhaps with friends gathered as well as family. While your child's learning will continue into the summer months, it is nice to mark the end of formal learning in some way.

If you plan to continue with Kindergarten next year with your child or another child, please look forward to a revised version of these lessons in the future. I will be reviewing them over the summer.

Thank you for your wonderful work with your children.
You are almost there!

Sincerely,
Marguerite Vulfs

FIRST WEEK SCIENCE REVIEW

The beautiful Springtime, that all of us have been waiting for, provides a good back drop for Science. In this Learning Period, I will give you a concentration for the week that will help you "complete" your child's Kindergarten time. You can take the whole week to focus on this and then put it to rest.

The first week you will concentrate on Science. With all of the lovely flowers, take an opportunity to complete your child's Book of Flowers. As well, plan to go to the Independence Trail and hunt for Newts. Worms are quite plentiful in the garden right now and can be gently explored. Gardening may take up a whole day and you can end that with a picture and several short sentences about the experience.

You will end the week by reviewing what you did throughout the year and repeat something of interest. The stars and clear skies are perfect for Spring stargazing.

SECOND WEEK MATHEMATICS REVIEW

The second week there will be a concentration on Mathematics. I would focus on the measuring aspect of cooking the first two days and create some nice food. Review what worked in the past and plan to create at least three dishes, one being a round circle of something like a pie so your child can divide it up.

The next three days can be spent on building forts, creating potions with various measuring tools and ending the week with your choice of what would be fun for your child. As well, see if your child, with a little assistance, can put together a floor puzzle easily. 25 pieces would be easy and 100 pieces would be a challenge.

End the week by measuring and weighing your child and marking it where they can see it.

THIRD WEEK CIRCLE & LANGUAGE ARTS REVIEW

The focus of the third week will be Circle and Language Arts. However it would be nice for each of the last four weeks if you would include a review from the year, choosing fun songs to sing each day.

The story for the first three weeks is "The Frog Prince" by the Brothers Grimm. I would tell it for the first two weeks and then have your child act it out during the third week.

During the fourth week, having your child illustrate each day a remembering from "The Frog Prince" will work well with the focus for that week. You may want to take a key sentence and have them create from that sentence, which is then written by you or them on the back of the page. If you do this in the sequence from the story, you will have a nice keepsake.

For Circle, see that your child can move well in a circle holding hands with others. See if they cross the mid line of their bodies with the song movements. Do not mention this to them but rather just note it. See if they are floppy in circle or can hold their posture in an upright position.

Play with instruments the last few days and then quietly put them to rest.

FOURTH WEEK
SOCIAL STUDIES, CRAFTING & MOVEMENT REVIEW

The last week of school, you will focus on these three areas. By now the children will be very done with school and you will need something different for them.

For Social Studies, your review will be to do good work on behalf of another person or group all week long for at least a half an hour. It would be great if this was a community group but a neighbor, a relative or even a sibling can work. Perhaps it is sending cards to all of your relatives scattered throughout the world. Perhaps it is visiting with the neighbors. Perhaps it is creating a lemonade stand to raise some money for a community group.

For Crafting, look over what seems not complete and finish it. If everything is complete, help your child to create a treasure box of the year. Fill it with treasures from the year and plan to open it again in a year's time.

For Movement, review ball throwing, skipping and balancing. Create a small obstacle course to finish the year.

CLOSING THE DOOR ON THE YEAR

Your year is complete! Congratulations on this achievement to your child and your family.

Plan to celebrate and perhaps give a token of completion. In our family we followed the tradition of a single rose with every year that was completed. We always tried to go to the river or a gathering of some sort to honor the end of the year.

This final gesture will help formally close the school year and welcome in the summer months of more learning and fun with a different schedule.

Blessings on your continued journey in learning and growing.

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