



# POPEY @ Home

*Provincial Outreach Program for the Early Years*

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### Play a Feelings Game

Play a feelings game with a family member by taking turns acting out different feelings and guessing what they are.

Afterwards, talk to a caring adult about the feelings you have been having lately.

If you have questions about COVID-19, you can read [this book](#) for more information.

Use this [feelings chart](#) and this [mood metre](#) to get some ideas for different feelings.

### You're Awesome!

Ever thought about all of the things you're good at?

Make a list of all of the things you're good at. Ask friends and family to add to your list of strengths.

Cut out each of your strengths, and make a chain. Keep your chain, and re-read your list of strengths whenever you feel you need to remember them.

More details about this activity, sample strengths you can use, and a video can be found [here](#)

### Spring Senses

What do you notice when you go for a walk or look out your window? Spring is everywhere!

Write or draw what you see, hear, and smell that remind you it is spring.

You can [read this book on Spring Senses](#) to help you brainstorm some things about spring.

### Write a Haiku Poem

Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry, usually written about nature. Haikus are very short; they only have three lines.

The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables, and the last line has 5 syllables. Play around with words and syllables to create your own haiku. Here's an example:

Pink cherry blossoms  
Look like cotton candy clouds  
Sitting in the trees

Here's a [brainstorming & planning sheet](#) and a short [video](#) about haiku poems.

### Sound of the Day

Pick a sound as the focus for the day.

For example, the sound /d/ (like dog, donut..)

Throughout the day find objects, people, words, - anything that makes the sound of the day.

Take pictures or draw a picture of each thing you find with the sound of the day.

Make a sound book, movie or story at the end of the day.

You can use an [alphabet chart](#) or a [blends chart](#) to help brainstorm the sound of the day.

### Share Kindness

Think of 3 people who have helped you or made you feel special.

Write each of them a letter or an email to share kind words, thanks, or compliments.

Think about how you feel when you are remembering the kindness of others and what it feels like to say kind words to others.

### Create a Recipe

Find a recipe at your house or online. Do you notice how the ingredients are listed first and then the steps explaining how to make the recipe?

Come up with a recipe for making mud pie. Make sure you have at least 3 ingredients and 3 steps explaining how to make your recipe.

Share your recipe with a family member.

Online recipes can be found [here](#)

### Animal Characters

Read some fiction books about animals who act like people.

Think about:

- What makes these animal characters fun?
- What do they wear?
- Where do they live?
- Do they use human tools like cards or phones?
- How would you describe their personalities?

See page 3 for links to support this activity.



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## Shapes in the World

Have you ever noticed that shapes are everywhere in our world?

For example - a TV, computer, flower box, and a picture frame - are all rectangle shaped.

Pick a shape you know (circle, square, triangle...) and try to find that shape in everyday objects.

As you look for your shape in the real world, take pictures, videos, draw and/or write about it.

After you've found several examples of your shape in the world, share your collection - and teach others all about your shape!

More details about this activity can be found [here](#)

[Read and listen to the story 'Shapes, Shapes, Shapes'](#) - for examples of shapes all around us

## Saying Hi, Staying Safe!

Lots of times when we say hi to friends, teachers, or family who don't live at our house, we will:

- give a hug
- high five
- pound it

Right now, we need to find new ways to say hi and stay safe.

Make a poster with some new ways to say 'hi' to people, like:

- elbow tap
- foot bump
- air high five

More details about this activity, and others, can be found [here](#)

## Break It Up

When you're reading, and you get to a word you don't know, how do you try to figure out the word?

One way (or strategy) is to break up the word - look at what letters and sounds are in the word, read part by part, and then put it altogether.

Then check - does it sound right - does it make sense in the sentence?

Practice using this strategy as you read your books this week.

You can also practice breaking up words with a game called **Guess the Covered Word**.

[Beginning Readers](#) can play [Guess the Covered Word with this video](#)

[Developing Readers](#) can play [Guess the Covered Word with this video](#)

## Make a Picture In Your Mind

First, think of something you would like to write about.

- Where is your story?
- Who is in your story?
- What happens in your story?

Next, as you think about the different parts of your story, close your eyes, and imagine your story coming to life - like a movie.

Now draw the picture to go along with the movie you made in your head.

Last, write your story!



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## Tech Tool of the Week

### Story Time from Space

Listen to astronauts read stories to you from outer space.

## Reading Online

Includes Options for Storybooks (*fiction books*)

### BookFlix

*(click on 'Access BookFlix' for free access)*

### Epic Books

free home & school access available

### Oxford Owl eBook Collection

## Digital Writing/Creation

### Haiku Poem Creation

#### Haiku Creator Interactive - ReadWriteThink

- website- Flash needed

#### Haiku Creator App - ReadWriteThink

- Apple & Android - link to overview

### Other Writing Ideas

#### Scholastic Story Starters

- prompts to get inspired for story writing

#### Big Huge Labs

- use your photos for trading cards, magazine covers and more

## Additional Fun!

Bill Nye the Science Guy - amazing scientist Bill Nye shares videos about different science topics

Circle Round - Podcasts for Kids - folktales from around the world adapted into short radio plays for kids

