Hello again! Happy May! If we were in school our calendar would be pretty empty right about now...waiting for you all to fill it up when you are the calendar helper! I hope everyone was able to get out last weekend and enjoy the beautiful weather. My family went on yet another hike! We found the most adorable squirrel babies in a hole in a tree and my son found 2 baby snakes. (I preferred seeing the cute squirrels) I am so glad you all seem to love the masks Mrs. Signorello's mom made for you! We have LOVED seeing the pictures of you in them. Thanks for sending them on!

Here are some more fun activities I have for you for this week:

Pick a fun book to read together. Once the book is done, ask the children to tell you what happened at the beginning, the middle, and the end. This may be challenging, but definitely a great pre-reading skill!



Have the kids sing their Days of the Week song for you. The challenge would be to ask them what day TODAY is. (Even I am having trouble keeping track at this point)

I LOVE having my driveway decorated with chalk. I saw this very easy DIY way to driveway PAINT! Mix together: 2 Tbsp cornstarch, 4 Tbsp water and food coloring. That's IT! You can make lots of colors and make a "pallet" like this:



For a fun science activity, you can make this pretty ice ring. Simply have the kids find leaves, petals, grass, etc. outside and place them in a ring/bunt pan. Fill with water and freeze. Once it's frozen you can take it out of the pan (May need to soak the pan in warm water for a few minutes to loosen it, and either bring it outside or even in the tub! Give the kids droppers or spoons of warm water and let them start exploring and getting the items out of the ice. It's a fun time to talk about freezing and melting!



In the next couple of letters, I will show you how to start using comparing words in a math context. The foundation for that starts with an activity you can set up like this: Simply give the kids stickers and once they identify the numbers for you, they can put the right amount of stickers on each line.

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Until next week!

Love, Merideth Banet and Sam Signorello