

Connect4Learning®: The Pre-K Curriculum

Distance Learning Guidance: Digital/Blended Learning Plan

During times when pre-K students cannot attend school due to national or regional crises, Kaplan Early Learning Company partners with Gryphon House, Inc. (the publisher of *Connect4Learning*) to offer supports to continue high-quality, developmentally-appropriate learning at home. We recognize the importance of maintaining communication and interaction with the families of children; we are also mindful of caregivers' increased and competing responsibilities and stresses during such times. Thus, we suggest activities and resources periodically to teachers, who can then choose to share them with families as they deem appropriate. We encourage teachers to help families engage in a healthy balance of screen time and short, playful activities with their child throughout the day.

We recommend that programs purchase access to the Connect4Learning portal annually. The portal, which works on desktops, laptops, and mobile devices, allows teachers virtual access to the lessons in the six *Connect4Learning* unit guides, the learning center activities, and formative assessments. It also allows teachers to grant families remote access to the computerized educational math activities, which follow the curriculum's math trajectories. The portal is compatible with all common operating systems and web browsers and does not require special software. For more information or support, please contact connect4learning@kaplanco.com.

The researchers who authored *Connect4Learning* have curated online resources offering quality programming and activities compatible with the curriculum's philosophy and instructional principles. In addition, we have developed suggested activities that families can easily complete at home without any special materials. Access to a home printer is desirable but not essential. Based on content and lessons in *Connect4Learning*, these activities are distributed via email to Connect4Learning teachers for distribution to their students' families/caregivers. Teachers may forward this content via email; alternatively, teachers may choose to print out materials and mail/deliver them to families. Activity examples include "Shape Walk," "Activities Using an Alphabet Chart" (includes a downloadable PDF), and "Tips for Reading Aloud with Young Children." To receive all suggested activities for families, teachers can sign up by emailing connect4learning@kaplanco.com.

Additional supplemental activities, written and curated by national experts in early childhood education, are available from [Kaplan Early Learning Company](#) and [Gryphon House, Inc.](#) These curriculum-agnostic activities support all aspects of young children's development, foster positive parenting, and build strong parent-child bonds. Teachers and families are encouraged to follow us on social media or subscribe to our email newsletters to receive tips directly to their inbox.