

## **Connect4Learning®: The Pre-K Curriculum**

### **Distance Learning Guidance: Supports for Diverse Learners Overview**

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 have developed suggested activities that families can easily complete at home without any special materials. Based on content and lessons in *Connect4Learning*, these activities are distributed via email to Connect4Learning teachers for distribution to their students' families/caregivers. In a distance learning situation, teachers may translate these materials using a tool such as Google translate for families that speak a different language in the home. All activities are designed for a range of student skill levels and can easily be adapted by teachers or caregivers to meet the needs of a particular young child. Teachers may email the activities to families; alternatively, they choose to print out materials and mail/deliver them. Activity examples include "Shape Walk," "Activities Using an Alphabet Chart" (includes a downloadable PDF), and "Tips for Reading Aloud with Young Children." Teachers may request to receive all suggested activities by emailing [connect4learning@kaplanco.com](mailto:connect4learning@kaplanco.com).

Additional supplemental activities, written and curated by national experts in early childhood education, are available from [Gryphon House, Inc.](#) and [Kaplan Early Learning Company](#). These curriculum-agnostic activities support all aspects of young children's development, foster positive parenting, and build strong parent-child bonds. Teachers are encouraged to follow us on social media or subscribe to our email newsletters to receive tips directly to their inbox. In a distance learning situation, teachers may translate these materials using a tool such as Google translate for families that speak a different language in the home. All activities are designed for a range of student skill levels and can easily be adapted by teachers or caregivers to meet the needs of a particular young child.