REOPENING PARKSIDE CURRICULUM - Parent Handout

Week 3: Washing Hands

Each week during summer learning, students will target skills in order to prepare for the possibility of entering the building in the Fall. Each week will be focused on a specific skill or aspect of reopening that we feel is essential for our students. We need your support in discussing and practicing these skills/concepts at home to make everyone feel safe and prepared. Thank you for all your help in advance!

1) WHAT WILL YOUR CHILD LEARN THIS WEEK?

- The students will read a social story with their teachers that covers the following information:
  
  **PERSON WHO/DOING WHAT:** Right now, we wash our hands a lot. The students will learn that adults may provide them with hand sanitizer when hand washing isn’t available. The students will also discuss keeping their hands away from their eyes, nose and mouth.
  
  **REASON WHY:** The students will learn that the best way to help our bodies fight germs is by washing your hands with soap and water.
  
  **TIME WHEN:** The students will learn specific times when hand washing is necessary including after the bathroom, after using a tissue, when removing a face mask, before and after meals, before and after going outdoors, before and after the playground as well as before and after using public transportation.
  
  **EXPLAIN HOW:** The children will review the procedure for washing hands with soap and water as well as the specific areas to scrub. The children will be given various supports such as using a washable stamp or singing the “Happy Birthday” song to wash their hands for the correct amount of time. As always, the children will be supported in identifying various tools and/or strategies to use when aspects of repeated handwashing feel frustrating or zappy.

- Mr. T has created an instructional video in order to model hand washing procedures and demonstrate to our students how they can help “fight against germs” by washing their hands correctly! The students will learn that washing your hands is a collaborative effort in order to keep yourself and those around you safe.

2) WHAT CAN YOU DO AT HOME?

- Review the material outlined above with your child
- Support your child in completing the Week 3 Challenge on SeeSaw. See how many boxes they can complete 😊
- Practice hand washing these areas with your child: