



Welcome Virtual Early Explorers!

We miss hosting Early Explorers at the UA Museum of the North and seeing so many friendly faces and curious kids each week. We have adapted our program to a virtual format so Early Explorers can happen at home!

Virtual Early Explorers is a growing activity resource for parents and caregivers to lead their own exploration, sensory, and craft activities at home. We believe young children learn best through hands-on exploration, and these activities are not intended as computer time (except for occasional links to optional educational videos).

While we cannot provide in-person programs at the museum at this time, we hope you will find these activities helpful to continue exploring with your children.

We welcome your feedback! please share your pictures, videos, comments, or thoughts with us at:

ua-museumlearn@alaska.edu

OR

www.facebook.com/alaskamuseum

We look forward to hearing from you!



Tips for Early Explorers at Home

1) Do it together

The activities in this program are designed to be done together with a adult. Our goal is to provide a space for doing something together. Children will learn new skills, and also receive help where needed.



2) Adapt for older kids

Does your home include kids older than 5? They can also participate! Many of these activities can be adapted to different ages. Enjoy the program as a family.

3) Substitute materials

Under the “materials needed” section, we offer substitution ideas. You can adapt the activity further if you do not have every supply available. We understand that many of us do not have a wide range of craft supplies available at home, and aim to provide activities that do not require a special shopping trip. Please feel free to email us at ua-museumlearn@alaska.edu if you need ideas or advice. For printable sheets, if you do not have a printer, try drawing your own. Where possible, you can also trace outlines on paper over the computer screen.

4) Go with the flow

If your child loses interest, there is no need to complete an activity. You can pick it up at another time. Just doing one part of an activity is enriching in its own way.



5) Pick and choose

We provide quite a few options for activities. Choose one or two activities at a time and come back to other options when you like. This is one advantage of having Early Explorers at home!

6) Have fun!

Enjoying being silly, trying craft experiments, singing, dancing, exploring, and playing in your home!



7) Share the fun

Send us your pictures and videos at ua-museumlearn@alaska.edu. We will compile photos and submissions to showcase Early Explorers and their projects.