

Motivation Suggestions

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Motivation at home during distance learning can be different from the motivation children have at school within the prepared environment and among their social interactions with peers. Lead Guides have listed suggestions by level to help with supporting your child's motivation throughout remote learning.

Children's House

- Design a clear schedule with specific times and limited choices so there are clear expectations for the child. Do this with your child so that they are invested in the plan.
- Make the activity or assignment engaging and enticing for the child. Complete your work alongside/nearby your child, so that they see you are also engaging in your assigned work. By modeling this behavior, this will validate the importance of the child's work.
- Make a set time/schedule breaks together so that the child knows you will do something special with your child after a certain amount of work time.
- Let your child know that you will send a picture of your child's completed work to his/her guide upon completion.
- Instead of using rewards, use the following language examples:
 - I hear that you want to play in the sandbox (desired activity), and we will be able to do that when we finish this (required task).
 - When you finish this math work, outdoor time will be available.