Welcome to
UA Museum of the North
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. For the time being, we will adapt our program and share with families on Fridays so Early Explorers can happen at home!

For all the families who have come to our in-person events in the past, we miss you.

For all families who are new to Early Explorers, we look forward to seeing you in person when our regular programs begin again.

We are excited to connect with all of you through our virtual program.

We hope all of you enjoy the activities and craft suggestions and have the opportunity to keep exploring with your young children!

Please share your pictures, videos, comments, or thoughts with us: 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 and crafts in this program are designed for being done together with a parent or caregiver rather than independently. Our goal is to provide a space for doing something together. Children will both learn new skills and 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” sections of craft projects, we offer substitution ideas. You can adapt the craft 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 we 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 through paper over the computer screen.

4) Go with the flow
If your child loses interest, there is no need to complete an activity. You could pick it up at another time of day or on a different day. Just doing one part of an activity is enriching in its own way.

5) Pick and choose
We will provide quite a few options for activities. Suggest and choose just one or two activities at a time and come back to other options when you like. That is one advantage of having Early Explorers at home!

6) Have fun!
Enjoying being silly, trying craft experiments, singing, dancing, and playing in the privacy of 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.