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Parent calendar

PHASE 3: FINDING MY PLACE IN THE VILLAGE

April 13 through June 29, 2027 | Tuesdays

APRIL + MAY

DUE BEFORE THE FIRST GROUP: Complete and bring Introduce Yourself as an Emoji, page 24.

HOW GROUP WORKS: The Minecraft Realm remains open play. Victoria provides in-the-moment coaching as natural social situations arise. This is similar to a lunchroom, playground, or birthday party. Conversation prompts are always optional and support life skills such as public speaking, listening, perspective-taking, and discussing compromise and self-advocacy outside of play. They also create "me too" moments by helping children discover that peers may share experiences with bullying, remembering names, sensory needs, or other challenges. Prompts are shared with parents so families can continue the conversation at home.

DATE	COACHING FOCUS + OPTIONAL CONVERSATION PROMPT	WORKBOOK ASSIGNMENT DUE
Tue Apr 13	Coaching focus: Welcoming new members, reconnecting, joining open play, and communicating personal boundaries. Conversation prompt: "What is one thing you would like new group members to know about you?"	No additional workbook assignment is due. Next week, we will celebrate Earth Day by Building a Greener Village. Optional: Wear green or blue, or use a nature-themed Minecraft skin.
Tue Apr 20	Coaching focus: Collaborative decision-making, inclusion, and helping the group care for a shared Realm. Conversation prompt: "What could make a village kinder to people, animals, and the environment?"	Phase 3 Goals and Skills, page 26.
Tue Apr 27	Coaching focus: Explaining a plan before building and organizing thoughts for a future group share. Conversation prompt: "What is something that represents you, and what story does it tell?"	Show & Tell is in two weeks. Begin the Executive Function Planning Worksheet, page 27, which is due May 11.
Tue May 4	Coaching focus: Taking the lead, inviting peers' ideas, and changing a plan when the group needs to compromise. Conversation prompt: "What makes someone a helpful leader? How can a leader make room for other ideas?"	Reminder: The Executive Function Planning Worksheet for Show & Tell, page 27, is due May 11.
Tue May 11	Coaching focus: Public speaking, authentic self-expression, listening, and asking respectful follow-up questions. Conversation prompt: "What does your item show about you? What question could you ask someone else?"	Executive Function Planning Worksheet for Show & Tell, page 27, and chosen item. Next week is our Minecraft Birthday Celebration. Please provide a dessert snack your child can enjoy during group. We will sing Happy Birthday to Minecraft and create a birthday party in the Realm.
Tue May 18	Coaching focus: Joining a group celebration, sharing creative control, and respecting sensory and social boundaries. Conversation prompt: "What makes a birthday party fun and comfortable for you? What might make it difficult?"	Artwork Quest: Village Identity Banner, pages 28 and 29.
Tue May 25	Coaching focus: Recognizing progress, naming challenges, and noticing strengths in other group members. Conversation prompt: "What has been going well? What still feels hard? Has anyone else felt something similar?"	Mid-Phase Reflection, page 30.

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Tue Jun 1	Coaching focus: Using routines, choices, and supports to manage a difficult moment and rejoin play when ready. Conversation prompt: "What can turn a hard day into a better day? What support helps you?"	Build a Better Day, page 31.
Tue Jun 8	Coaching focus: Inviting a peer to play, respecting different answers, and making a realistic friendship plan. Conversation prompt: "What makes it easier to ask someone to play or stay connected?"	Building Your Village, page 32. Next week, we will recognize Autistic Pride Day with Celebrate Being You activities. Children will help create a sensory-friendly village with quiet spaces, clear signs, peaceful areas, and different ways to participate. Optional: Your child may wear a favorite color or choose a Minecraft skin or theme that represents something they love.
Tue Jun 15	Coaching focus: Communicating sensory needs, using coping strategies, and participating in a sensory-friendly village. Conversation prompt: "What sensory experiences feel good or difficult for you? What helps you feel comfortable?"	Prickly or Protected?, page 25, and Unpack the Backpack of Worry, page 33.
Tue Jun 22	Coaching focus: Maintaining friendships, making a plan to stay connected, and respecting another person's availability. Conversation prompt: "How can you keep a friendship going when you do not see someone every week?"	End-of-Phase Reflection, page 35, and Building Your Village: Staying Connected, page 36. Next week is our Year Celebration, wrapping up and celebrating our year together. Please complete the End-of-Year Reflection and Completion, page 37, before June 29.
Tue Jun 29	Coaching focus: Celebrating growth, sharing recognition, and navigating the feelings that can come with endings. Conversation prompt: "What are you proud of from this year, and what do you want to carry forward?"	End-of-Year Reflection and Completion, page 37.

JUNE 29: Year Celebration. Wrapping up our year together and celebrating the children's growth.