WSU Tri-Cities College of Education is committed to quality learning during this time of uncertainty and new circumstances. “Teaching Tips” is a quick resource for families in their role as an educator to their homebound children.

“Wonderings” by Judy Morrison  
Suggested grade level: K-3

As the weather gets better, take time to go on a walk around your neighborhood or in a local park. Have your child choose 4-5 small items such as rocks, plants, insects, leaves, flowers, weeds, anything from the natural world. Having a plastic bag to carry these in is a good idea. Take the items home and have a contest to see how many questions you and your child can come up with for each item. These could be simple questions such as: how old is it, what is its name, or what will it look like in a week? Have your child write these questions down and draw pictures of the items if possible. Look at all the questions you have come up with and find some that you might be able to find the answers to either by doing observations or looking up information on the internet or in books. Through this activity, you and your child are modeling science: asking questions and finding answers!