

Literacy

Writing time: Give your child a prompt such as, what do you like to do outside? Have them draw a picture and then help them write the words they want to say.

Names: Have them sign all of their artwork to practice writing their name. You could also have them write their name next to chores that they complete on a chore chart.

Reading: read books to your kid's and ask them questions. Such as...

- What do you think will happen next?
- How do you think this character is feeling?
- Who was this story about?
- Where did this story take place?
- When did the story happen?

Reading: Have your child look at the pictures in a book and make up a story to go with them.

Letter Find: Give your child something with lots of print on it (books, cereal boxes, ECT..) have them look to find and identify the letters in their name or, as many letters as they can. It can be extra fun to use a magnifying glass or some kind of fun pointer (like the fake Halloween fingers or a ruler) to do this.

Sound hunt: Find things that start with the sound /sh/ (shirt, shoe, shovel..). You can do this for any sound.

Send letters and pictures to loved ones. And nursing homes

Play word games with your child for rhyming words.

Math

Counting: count anything and everything: the number of Cheerios, grapes, or chips they have for snack, the steps they take to get to the room, the number of green squares on the blanket, anything.

Matching games: Use small pieces of paper to make your own matching game. Match letters. To make it more difficult, match upper case to lower case letters. You could also match numbers, shapes, colors, or words.

Building challenges (with any random materials):

- Something that floats
- Something that rolls
- Something that has a parachute (think egg drop or action figure drop)
- An airplane

- A tall tower
- A bridge that can hold a toy car

Make or use a ruler and have your child measure things to compare longer and shorter. You can also measure using objects, such as legos (How many legos long is the couch?)

Compare and group objects: For example, put all the big red circles in a pile, or put everything with blue on it in a group.

Build with cups: solo cups, dixie cups. Mix up sizes for problem solving.

Bake with your kiddo. You can discuss math and reading concepts along with colors.

Make play dough:

- 1 ½ cup flour
- 1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
- ½ cup salt
- 1 Cup hot water
- 1 package Koolaid or a few drops food coloring
- Add all ingredients to a large bowl, slowly mix together. As it forms a ball slowly add more flour until it no longer is sticky. Keep in a sealed bag or container.

Play simple games with dice, cards etc. Make up your own rules to board games so younger kids can join.

Other

Listen to different types of music, and talk about what you like and don't like.

Let your child help with the chores. This is a great learning opportunity. For example, sorting the recycling into plastics, cardboard, etc.

Use clean plastic and cardboard recyclables to create art, towers, etc. The insides of boxes are great to draw or paint on.

Get outside and exercise- ride bikes, shoot baskets, kick the soccer ball around.

Outdoor scavenger hunts: Find nature related things. This could include listening for a bird to chirp or seeing a butterfly. It does not have to be things that they can physically touch or pick up.

Experiment in nature. Make mud pies, get dirty and get sensory experiences.

Art: Let them create with any supplies that you have on hand. It is amazing what these littles can make with a piece of paper, an old magazine, some scissors and glue.

Online resources:

Subscribe to our new youtube channel: [Online Preschool Learning](#)

We will be posting read alouds and sample lessons from our literacy curriculum that the kids can follow along with.

Watch Jack Hartman songs and other learning songs on YouTube.

Watch book read alouds on YouTube.

Use gonodel for indoor music and movement breaks. They also have calming yoga and mindfulness for before rest time.

Scholastic, ABC mouse, and many other learning websites have free resources out right now.

Virtual field trips are available for free on many zoo and museum websites.