
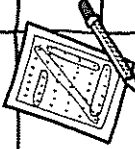




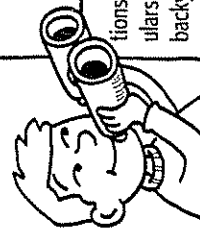

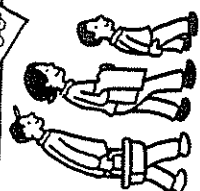
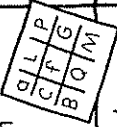





LEARNING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Note to Parents: Fill in the months and dates, and use these activities to give your child a daily dose of learning fun.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Hold a CD (shiny side up) near a sunny window. Tilt it until you see a rainbow on the ceiling. Can you find something else that bends light to make a rainbow? (bubbles, a glass of water)</p> 	<p>Churn your own butter by putting heavy cream and a clean marble in a medium-sized jar. Shake until the marble no longer moves through the cream. Remove the marble, and spread the butter on crackers.</p>	<p>Solve a word search. You can find one in your daily newspaper or in a puzzle book. Spell each word aloud as you find and circle it.</p> 	<p>Gather some seeds (thistle, sunflower). Fill a bowl with each kind, and put them in the yard. Which birds like each type? Look up birds you don't recognize at www.ornithology.com.</p>	<p>List your five favorite fruits. At the library or online, research where each one is grown. <i>Examples:</i> pineapple from Hawaii, grapes from California.</p> 
<p>Write a few math problems on a sheet of paper. Illustrate them with pictures cut from old magazines. <i>Example:</i> 8 cars - 3 cars = 5 cars.</p> 	<p>Calculate the hours it would take to drive 80 miles if you drive 50 miles per hour. <i>Tip:</i> Divide the number of miles by the speed ($80 \div 50 = 1.6$ hours).</p> 	<p>Turn dominoes facedown. Flip over two. If the numbers match, keep them. If not, flip them back over. Keep making matches until you use all the dominoes.</p> 	<p>Read a book about constellations. Choose several, and use binoculars to explore the stars from your backyard.</p> 	<p>Secretly choose a character from a book. Challenge a friend to guess the character by asking yes-or-no questions. <i>Example:</i> Is your character a boy?</p> 
<p>Play hopscotch with math problems. One person calls out addition or subtraction problems, and the other player hops on the answer. If you miss, go back to the beginning and start again.</p> 	<p>With a parent, pack a picnic lunch, and go out back with a few storybooks. Read to each other while you enjoy eating outside.</p>	<p>Write letters on a tic-tac-toe grid, and think of a category (clothing). Players add an X or O when they name an item from the category that begins with the letter (cap for C).</p> 	<p>Hide a small object in your house. Give a parent or sibling directions to find it. <i>Examples:</i> "Go down the hall. Make the first right. Look down."</p>	<p>Have a contest to see who can write a sentence using the most letters from the alphabet. <i>Example:</i> "Jacob's funny grandpa eats everything" uses 19 different letters.</p>
<p>Make a map of your neighborhood. Trace your route to school with a dotted line. Mark your favorite places to play with a star.</p> 	<p>Learn the Japanese art of paper folding. Go to www.oriland.com, and find instructions for making animals, flowers, and other things.</p> 	<p>On an index card, make a postcard from your hometown. Draw a picture and write a note about your community. Mail it to a relative who lives in another town.</p>	<p>Learn Pig Latin. Drop the first sound of each word, and put it in front of "ay" at the end. <i>Example:</i> "Thanks, Mom" becomes "anks-thay om-may."</p> 	<p>Learn Pig Latin. Drop the first sound of each word, and put it in front of "ay" at the end. <i>Example:</i> "Thanks, Mom" becomes "anks-thay om-may."</p> 