

Family Fun Activities

EHS ROOM 18

Week of: MAY 4-8, 2020



MATH

Packing for a Indoor Picnic

Plan a picnic with your child and stimulate your toddler's brain—along with his/her appetite! Decide together when you will have your picnic. Will you have a picnic for dinner, lunch, or even snacktime!?

Involve your toddler in picnic preparation by having him help you decide where to have your picnic. Like the backyard, the living room, or anywhere else. Keeping social distancing in mind.

Make a list together of food, drink, and the other supplies you will need for your picnic.

Ask him/her to help gather items and pack the bag or basket. While packing, help him count how many things go into your picnic bag/basket. Say: *We have four people coming to our picnic and each person needs a plate. Do we have enough plates?*

Continue counting when you set up your picnic and unpack your basket. If teddy bears and other snuggly friends come to your picnic, count them, too

SCIENCE



Sort It Out

As your toddler takes notice of how things around him/her are alike or different, encourage him/her to use their senses to sort objects into categories. Together you can:

- Do laundry and sort clothes by color
- Clean up toys into piles that are soft or hard or big or little
- Sort big plates and little plates for dinner

Your toddler may enjoy sorting objects into containers (laundry baskets, toy bins, bags), or making piles, or lining or stacking things up. There are lots of other things around your home that your toddler can organize into groups, such as foods, crayons, or silverware (with supervision).

- Many toddlers also like to make “families” of toy animals, trucks, rocks, or other small objects—with “grown-ups,” “children,” and “babies.”

READING



Noisy Reading!

Active toddlers need active books and active reading! Put books into his/her active hands that have pages with flaps to lift and open, interesting textures to touch and feel, or unusual smells to scratch and sniff.

- Give your toddler time to look, touch, and open flaps by themselves in books such as *Wild Animals* by DK Publishing or *Where Is Baby's Belly Button?* by Karen Katz. These books can be even more interactive when you talk and ask questions as you read. Ask your toddler to tell you what he/she thinks is behind a flap, or have him/her tell you how a texture feels.
- Make other books interactive for your toddler by giving him/her something physical to do. When you read books with actions, such as *Hand, Hand, Fingers, Thumb* by Al Perkins, he can beat a drum (or upside-down bowl) along with what you read about the monkey in the book. Or let your toddler jump up each time you read that an animal jumps in *Jump!* by Scott M. Fischer.

Sharing books with your toddler doesn't always have to be a quiet experience. There's no rule that says you have to sit down to read, so: **HAVE FUN!!!!**



MUSIC

Finger Plays and Movement

Have fun with finger plays and songs with motions, such as “The Itsy, Bitsy Spider” or “If You’re Happy and You Know It, Clap Your Hands.” Dance together to songs such as “Ring Around the Rosie.” Or my favorite “Ring Around the Rocketship”.

(See Attached for words to “Ring Around the Rocketship”)



PLAYING

Pom Pom Tube Drop: Toddler Developmental Activity

This PomPom Tube Drop activity is very simple and only requires 3 items. Most of them you probably already have at home.

The pompom tube drop is a developmental activity that will help to improve fine motor skills (using the small muscles of the hands and fingers) and understanding cause-and-effect and problem-solving.

You can even add more learning opportunities during this activity by introducing new vocabulary, counting, and color recognition.

Supplies

- Pom Poms or cotton balls(or what ever you can think of that's equivalent in size)
- Painters tape
- A variety of empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls

How to:

1. Find an open flat, vertical surface, such as a wall or door.
2. Using painters tape, tape the paper towel and toilet paper rolls to the wall.
3. Align the tubes vertically or diagonally (with the tape horizontal) so when the objects are dropped in from the top they will fall out the bottom. Make it a fun maze by allowing the pompoms to drop from one tube into another. You can use any arrangement that you wish, as long as you make sure any tubes that are in vertical alignment are directly on top of each other so the object can fall through both of them.
4. Demonstrate to your child how to put a pompom or object into the top and see it drop.

Turn this play into a learning opportunity for your toddler.

Teaching colors and counting, have them name each color as they put it in the tube or call out a color and have them pick that one up. They can also count each pompom as they put it in or place each color into piles and count them before they put them in.

Play is one of the best ways to encourage our children to learn everyday. So many activities are teaching and encouraging your child, even though they may not even know it.

For Head Start and Early Head Start Parents:

The following activities come from the Resources for Early Learning Curriculum Website. Click the [underlined link](http://resourcesforearlylearning.org/parents/) to find out more!

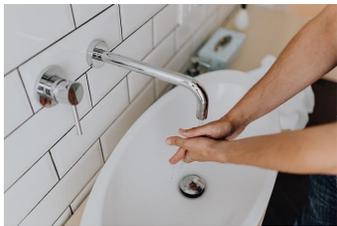
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As always please feel free to email me. I check my email multiple times a day. I would love to hear from you.

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**** Don't forget to check the Pathways For Children website and facebook page for up to date information and family resources.**

Stay happy and healthy!!!!



Ring Around the Rocketship



Ring around the rocketship

Pocket full of potatoe chips

Blast off

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We all fall down.