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**Quick and Easy  
Ways to Engage  
Your Learner  
this Summer**











# Go Outside Whenever You Can

The outdoors are great for your child's physical development and provides loads of opportunities for learning.

\*Choose activities that involve both gross motor skills (running, hopping, climbing, catching) and fine motor skills (grasping tools, digging, drawing, and stacking)

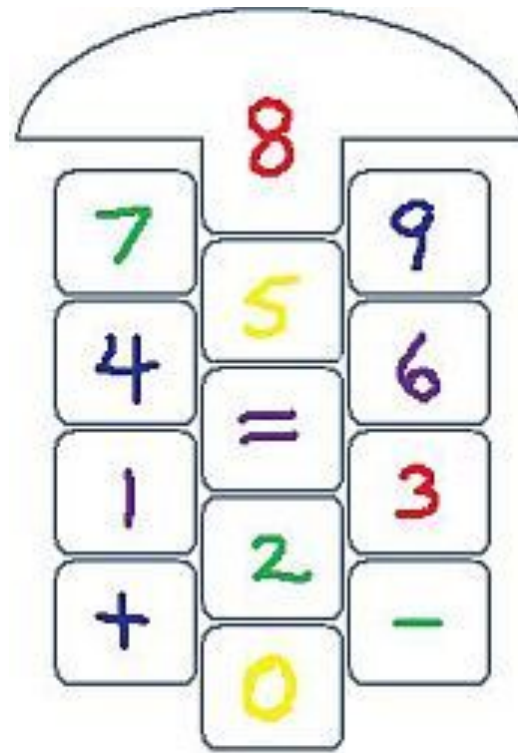
- Make outdoor adventure paths or obstacle courses
- Collect items like rocks, shells, or leaves and sort them into categories
- Go for a walk and create a map of your neighborhood

# Classifying Rocks: Which type of rock is it?

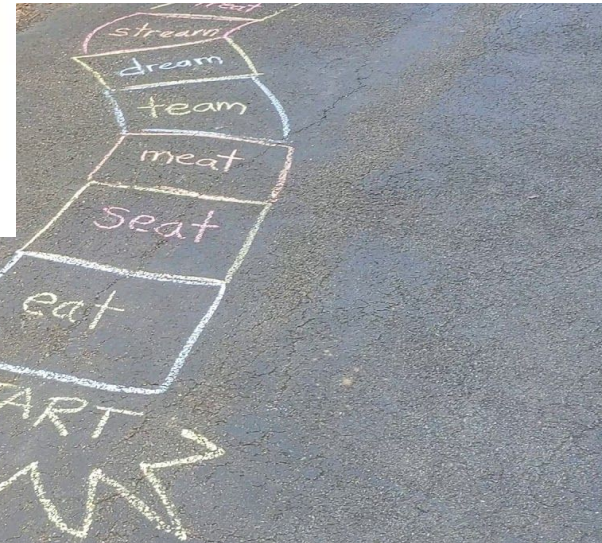
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## Math Hopscotch



Sight Word or  
Spelling Pattern  
Path/Obstacle  
Course



## LEAF GRAPHING



Leaf or  
Rock  
Sorting

# Road Trip Fun!

Enhance daily activities with simple, skill-boosting games.

- Read signs together or have your child find certain letters and numbers on signs and cars
- While driving, ask your child to count all the blue cars, animals, or tall things that pass by
- Play games such as “Story Time”, “20 Questions” or “Categories” that can be played with children of multiple ages
- When planning activities or trips, discuss departure time, arrival time, and elapsed time

Daily activities can boost development while having fun

Click here for road trip ideas and rules:

<https://www.self.com/story/road-trip-games>

# Write, Write, Write!

Any time your child is putting pencil to paper it is benefitting their literacy skills in so many ways. The process of brainstorming ideas, planning your writing, use of language, and spelling will all be rehearsed even with very low-risk and fun writing tasks.

- Write a movie review after watching a family movie
- Write a postcard to a friend or family member
- Make comic strip
- Write a how to book or a rulebook for your favorite game

# 10 BENEFITS OF WRITING NOTES BY HAND

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## BENEFIT 1

Increase ability to focus



## BENEFIT 2

Increase comprehension



## BENEFIT 3

Understand and process more information



## BENEFIT 4

Improve memory



## BENEFIT 5

Inspire creativity



## BENEFIT 6

Engage mind



## BENEFIT 7

Extend attention span



## BENEFIT 8

Improve organization of information



## BENEFIT 9

Improve prioritizing skills



## BENEFIT 10

Provide a condensed document for study




# Read As Often As Possible!

Reading is a fun way to bond and relax, but is also the number one way to strengthen communication, language skills, and literacy development.





# Why read 20 minutes at home?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year
		
Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

Want to be a better reader? Simply read.



# Other Every Day Learning Opportunities

- Money- let your child help figure out how to pay for something, discuss the amount of bills and coins they would need, how much change you would get, etc.
- Let your child help problem solve! If you are planning a party or family gathering, how many packages of hot dog buns will we need for “x” number of people? How many juice containers will we need if there are 10 servings per container?
- Cooking - planning a meal, measuring, adding, mixing, baking, dividing
- Shopping - writing out a shopping list, comparing prices of products, pay attention to taxes and tips, sales (% off)
- Market research - compare cost on Amazon vs. at Target
- Paying bills - add up monthly or annual costs.
- Read nutritional labels - add sugar, fat, protein grams etc.

# Example of Engaging in Every Day Learning Conversation



- What do you notice about these toys?
- What do you notice about each row? Each column?
- How could you skip count to find out how many stuffed animals there are?
- How many would there be if I took away a row? Added a row?
- What about if I took away a column? Added a column?

## In Summary....

- ESPECIALLY after this year, learning should be FUN
- (Generally speaking) everything is more fun for your child when you are participating
- You don't need to go out of your way to engage your child's mind