

Mrs. Read's Learning Activities
Week June 1 - 5

Goal # 1 Read with your child every day.

Goal # 2 Try to do one activity from each of the 4 areas (Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Wellness, and Play) during the week.

Learning Intentions - This week we are working on:

- letter formation
- estimate reasonably
- use technology appropriately to explore mathematics, solve problems, record, communicate and represent thinking
- good health comprises physical, mental, and emotional well-being

*Try to spend some time this week at [kids a-z.com](http://kids-a-z.com).

LITERACY

1. Print each uppercase letter of the alphabet on the back of an old deck of cards (use marker) or print on similar sized pieces of heavier paper. Mix up, and put in alphabetical order.
2. Print each lowercase letter of the alphabet on the back of an old deck of cards (use marker) or print on similar sized pieces of heavier paper. Mix up, and put in alphabetical order.
3. Spread out your upper and lowercase letters face down on a table. Play memory. Collect pairs of the same letter in its uppercase and lowercase forms.
4. Use your letter cards to make words. Can you make: Mom; Dad; the; and run?
5. While walking in your neighbourhood search for letters and words. Talk with your adult about what you find.

NUMERACY

1. Put 5 to 15 objects in a clear container. Ask your child to examine the container and estimate how many objects are there. Afterwards, help your child count the objects and compare his/her estimate to the actual number of objects.
2. Roll 3 dice. Write down the equation(s) and the sum(s). For example: $2 + 3 + 5 = 10$. What is your lowest sum? What is your highest sum?
3. Find 8 similar objects (ie. blocks). Roll 1 die and take that number away from the 8. How many do you have left? Write the equation $8 - _ = _$. Can you make 5 equations starting with 5 each time? Please send Mrs. Read a photo of you doing this activity.
4. Teach your child to add and subtract on a calculator. Does the answer make sense?

5. Collect a large number of small objects (ie. lego). Practice counting to higher numbers; moving each piece as it is counted.

HEALTH and WELLNESS

1. Watch home movies (ie. Mom and Dad's wedding, baby videos etc.).
2. Make smores. Safely microwave your marshmallows.
3. Practice cartwheels.
4. Learn to skip stones. Practice at a lake or ocean.
5. Go for a hike with your adult on a walking trail.

PLAY

1. Tie dye art with baby wipes. Materials: baby wipes; rubber bands; washable markers and/or liquid watercolours; and paper towels. Pinch the centre of the baby wipe and hold in your hand; twist. Carefully attach a few rubber bands and have your child use a marker to colour the sections of the baby wipe. The more the marker gets into the folds, the more vibrant the colours will be. You can also use liquid watercolours to drip colours onto the sectioned wipe. (Do over sink). Continue using other colours of marker to complete. Remove the rubber bands and unfold the baby wipe and lay on top of two pieces of paper towel until it is dry.
2. Make a glass gem sun catcher. Materials: plastic yogurt container lid; clear Elmer's Glue (cloudy will work but will dry a little opaque); thread; suction cup window hooks; and glass vase gems. Fill the yogurt container lid with glue. Arrange the glass gems in the lid. Encourage your child to fill the whole space. Squeeze a bit more glue on top. Allow the glue to dry for 3 - 4 days. Peel out of lid. Find a section of the sun catcher near the edge where the glue is relatively thick. Push a threaded needle through that area. Figure out how low you want the sun catcher to hang and tie a knot there. Hang your new sun catcher in a window that gets lots of sun.
3. Make homemade ice-cream in a bag. You will need: 1/2 cup half and half; 1 tablespoon sugar; 1/4 teaspoon vanilla; 1 sandwich ziplock bag; 1 large ziplock bag; ice; and rock salt. Put the first 3 ingredients in the smaller ziplock bag and seal bag to make sure it is tightly closed. Put ice and rock salt in the larger bag and then add the filled small bag. Seal the large bag. Squeeze bag until ice-cream is thickened, about 10 - 15 minutes. Remove small bag, unseal and eat with a spoon.
4. Build a village out of lego or blocks.
5. Rainbow shaving cream marbled art. Materials: paint in rainbow colours; shallow baking pan (9" x 13" perhaps); watercolour paper; scraper; and foamy shaving cream. Fill your pan with shaving cream. Add paint in a rainbow formation. Trim your watercolour paper to fit inside the pan if necessary. Lay it down flat on top of your rainbow pressing firmly but gently on all sides. Remove your paper and scrape off the excess shaving cream and paint. Continue making more prints.