ACTIVITIES FOR PRESCHOOL SUMMER LEARNING



2019



Writing Kit

Make a writing kit for your child to practice writing. Include:

Pens

Colored copy paper

Plain white paper

Stapler (for making books)

Magna Doodle

Colored pencils

Tape

Notepads

Crayons

Thin and thick markers

Envelopes

Notepads

Sand

Put sand on a tray. Draw letters, numbers and shapes in the sand with your fingers.

Pipe Cleaner Letters

Use pipe cleaners (chenille stems) to form letters by bending them.

Letter Sound Basket

Give your child a basket and ask him or her to collect objects from around the house that begin with a particular letter.

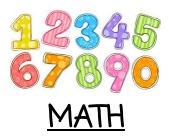
Letter Memory Game

Place 2-4 letter magnets (or cards with the letters written on them) on a tray. Cover them up with a cloth and take one away. Uncover the cloth and ask your child which one is missing. You can also have your child write the letter on a piece of paper or dry erase board.

Names

Write your child's name on a piece of construction paper in large letters. Glue on yarn, beans or glitter. (Use an uppercase letter for the first letter of a name and write the rest in lowercase letters.

Mystery Sound Bag
Place 3 or 4 objects that begin with a particular letter in a bag. For example, bowl, ball, block, book for the letter B. Have your child pull the items out one at a time and identify the beginning letter.



Board Games

Board games are great for counting practice. The child can roll a dice or spins a spinner and count how many spaces to move. You can make your own games with stickers.

Block Game

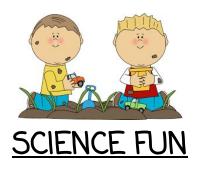
Use a numbered game die or spinner and some blocks. Take turns rolling the die or spinner and taking the correct number of blocks from the pile. Build a tower with the blocks. After all the blocks are gone, compare the towers to see whose is the tallest/shortest.



Use bowls, spoons, cookie cutters, cookie sheets, rolling pins, plates, cups, pie pans and other things to help build fine motor strength.

Use table blocks, legos and puzzles to develop small motor strength.

Tear and cut paper with adult supervision.



Nature Walk

Go on a nature walk in your neighborhood with your child. Collect various objects like leaves and rocks which can be used later to make a nature collage.

Simple Machines: Ramps

Provide your child with blocks and small boards or cardboard to make ramps. The children can experiment with rolling or sliding different objects down the ramps: blocks, boxes, cars, rocks.

GO ON WALKS WITH YOUR CHILD



Suggestions for Summer Fun Adventures



The Franklin Library

103 Main Street Franklin NJ' Affiliated with the Sussex County Library System. See the library's calendar of events for program offerings.

Visit McDonalds

Located on Route 23 in Franklin NJ Have a special snack and exercise in the Play Place.

Visit the beautiful Sussex State Parks

Enjoy a picnic, cooling off in the water, digging in the sand and playing on the playground.

High Point State Park, Sussex, NJ

Swartswood State Park, Hampton Township, NJ

Stokes State Park, Branchville, NJ

Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt, NJ

Visit local playgrounds:

Franklin Pond, Franklin, NJ Wheatsworth Park, Hardyston, NJ Hamburg Park, Hamburg, NJ Station Park, Sparta, NJ

Littell Community Center

10-12 Munsonhurst *Road Franklin, NJ 07416

Music & More

Thursdays 9:30-10:10 am & 10:20-11:00 am

Kiddie Kraft

Monday, July 23 10:00-11:00 am Monday, August 27 10:00-11:00 am July Concerts in the Park (Wheatsworth Park)
Saturdays 6:00-8:00 PM
August Movies in the Park (Wheatsworth Park)
At dark

Kids Bowl Free

Register online at www.kidsbowlfree.com. Kids receive 2 free games of bowling, per day, every day during the summer. Shoe rentals are not included, but discounts are available. Family passes also optional if adults would like to bowl. Closest participating centers are Sparta and Wayne.

Home Depot Kids Workshops

Children receive a wooden craft and items to complete project. They also include a Home Depot apron and pin. Available at the Newton Home Depot. Register online at www.homedepot.com. First available project: wooden tow truck, July 6 from 9am to noon.

Sparta Movie Theater Summer Series

Visit <u>www.NewVisionTheaters.com</u>. Begins June 26 continuing every Thursday at 10am. Includes movie, popcorn and a drink for \$4.50. Check website for movie listing.

Sussex County Fair (NJ State Fair)

Aug. 2-11. Check website www.njstatefair.org for schedule and info. Opening day special admission, \$5. Adults, \$1. Children and all rides are \$1.00. Check out the kid's categories for entering crafts, paintings, baked goods, sculptures, flowers, vegetables and more!

Maybe your child will win a ribbon!

Summer Karate for Kids

Contact local karate institutes and ask if they offer special summer classes. Usually offered for free with purchase of a karate uniform.

The Shoppes at Lafayette

Offer activities on the weekends, with some stores offering specials as well. Bullet Boots is offering a Barn Yard Kids Party on June 15 with a craft and petting zoo. Photo shoot also available. Check websites: www.bulletboots.com and www.theshoppesatlafayette.com.

The Sussex County Miners

Check their website www.SCMINERS.com for information on special events.

Franklin Day

June 22 Check the Franklin Borough Recreation Committee's Facebook page.

Space Farms

Junior Zookeeper for a day on July 20.

Franklin Movie Nights

June 22, July 26 and Aug. 23 at the Franklin Pond, 8pm or at dark



GARDENING VVITH YOUR CHILD: Visit the website www.vegetable-gardening-online.com



COOKING AND BAKING VVITH YOUR CHILD:

Visit the website

www.pre-kpages.com/ideas-tips-cooking-preschoolers/



To Practice Reading and Math Readiness Skills Visit the website www.starfall.com

HAVE FUN PLAYING WITH YOUR CHILDI

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood."

-Fred Rogers