

# Early Childhood

## Parent/Child Activity Calendar

### Division of Early Childhood Education



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# May 2020

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		1 It's May Day! Make a bouquet of real or fake flowers.	4 Give your child household chores. A dust pan and whisk broom build self-esteem!
Help your child make a collage from odds and ends around the house — ribbons, string, buttons, etc.	4 Ask your child how the sun helps us. (feeds plants, keeps us warm, etc.) Can it hurt us? (sunburn)	5 Let your child make the salad for dinner tonight. Supply a plastic knife, cherry tomatoes, cucumber and mushrooms.	6 Before bed tonight, look at the moon and stars. Then read a story or poem about them.
7 Talk about animals you see in a zoo. What do they eat? Where do they sleep? Are they dangerous?	8 Fill a small balloon partway with water and tie it. See if your child can gently toss it back and forth to you outside.	9 Give your child an old magazine and have him find and cut out the letters to make up his name.	
10 Go outside and blow bubbles. Can you count them? What colors do you see in them?	11 Encourage your child to act out cooking dinner. What will he serve?	12 Using paper cups with holes punched in the bottoms, plant a herb garden together for your window sill.	13 Make a weather chart. How much hotter was it after school than it was in the morning?
14 Teach your child how to use a magnifying glass. Encourage them to investigate their world.	15 Put objects starting with "S" in a bag — spoon soap, sock. Let your child reach in and guess what each is.	16 Add a drop of food coloring to shaving cream. Place cream on a cookie sheet. Let her finger paint.	
17 Look for numbers in the Sunday paper with your child. Help him trace them with his finger.	18 Make a list of 5 things to do during a rainstorm. Draw pictures, too.	19 Think of something nice to do for someone today — and do it!	20 Talk about the parts of a plant. Point out the leaves, stems and roots.
21 As you read, say, "This is the beginning. This is the middle. This is the end."	22 For memory skills, say "I went to the store and bought bananas." Ask your child to repeat & then add something. Take turns.	23 Create a "rounder" story with a robin family. "Once upon a time ..." Each person takes a turn and adds to the story.	
24 Watch the sunset. Do the Hokey-Pokey. 31	25 Talk about summer. What is the weather like? What can we do in summer? (swim, ride bikes, etc.)	26 Go on a bug walk! Take a magnifying glass to the park and hunt for them.	27 Let your child pretend to be a flower seed curled up waiting for spring. Have him start growing!
		28 Practice naming the months of the year with your child.	29 Let your child fit a key into a lock. Talk about things that require keys (car, doors) and discuss why.
			30 Using your hands and a flashlight make shadow puppets. Try making a butterfly.