



May 2023

Parent/Child Activity Calendar

Division of Early Childhood Education

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 It's May Day! Make a bouquet of real or fake flowers.	2 Put objects starting with "S" in a bag — spoon soap, sock. Let your child reach in and guess what each is.	3 Let your child make the salad for dinner tonight. Supply a plastic knife, cherry tomatoes, cucumber and mushrooms.	4 Before bed tonight, look at the moon and stars. Then read a story or poem about them.	5 <i>Put your right foot in. Put your right foot out.</i> Find the Hokey-Pokey on Youtube and have fun!	6 Fill a small balloon partway with water and tie it. See if your child can gently toss it back and forth to you outside.
7 Give your child an old magazine and have them find and cut out the letters that make up their name.	8 Encourage your child to act out cooking dinner. What will they serve?	9 For memory skills, say "I went to the store and bought bananas." Ask your child to repeat & then add something. Take turns.	10 Make a weather chart. How much warmer was it after school than it was in the morning?	11 Teach your child how to use a magnifying glass. Encourage them to investigate their world.	12 Make a list of 5 things to do during a rainstorm. Draw pictures, too.	13 Create a "round robin" story with the family. "Once upon a time ..." Each person takes a turn and adds to the story.
14 Go outside and blow bubbles. Can you count them? What colors do you see in them?	15 Ask your child how the sun helps us. (feeds plants, keeps us warm, etc.) Can it hurt us? (sunburn)	16 Add a drop of food coloring to shaving cream. Place cream on a cookie sheet and let them finger paint.	17 Look for numbers when you walk to school. Does your child have a favorite number? What is it?	18 As you read your bedtime story say, "This is the beginning. This is the middle. This is the end."	19 Help your child make a collage from odds and ends around the house — ribbons, string, buttons, etc.	20 Go to the park and talk about the parts of a plant. Point out the leaves, stems and roots.
21 Using your hands and a flashlight, make shadow puppets. Try making a bunny.	22 Youtube one of your favorite shows as a child and share it with your child. Tell them why you liked it so much.	23 Think of something nice to do for someone today — and do it!	24 Let your child fit a key into a lock. Talk about things that require keys (car, doors) and discuss why.	25 Let your child pretend to be a flower seed curled up waiting for spring. Have them start growing!	26 Practice naming the months of the year with your child.	27 Using paper cups with holes punched in the bottoms, plant a herb garden together for your window sill.
28 Go on a bug walk! Take a magnifying glass to the park and hunt for them.	29 Watch the sunset together. Talk about what happens when the sun goes down. (street lights come on)	30 Talk about animals you see in a zoo. What do they eat? Where do they sleep? Are they dangerous?	31 Talk about summer. What is the weather like? What can we do in summer? (swim, ride bikes, etc.)			

