



Links to Learning

NOVEMBER BEGINNERS

Links to Home: Shared Activities for Parents & Children

This month, your child will learn basic shapes, work on understanding same versus different, and identify his favorite foods.

Here are some suggested activities to practice these skills with your child:

- Look through a book or magazine with your child. Ask him to find and point to various shapes, including squares, circles and triangles.
- Place three blue blocks and one red block in front of your child. Ask him which blocks are the same and which are different.
- Go grocery shopping with your child. Ask him to name and point to a few of his favorite foods.



Here's what your child experienced this month.

Each month's Links to Learning activities build on the month before, connecting previously learned skills with new learning. These activities include the essentials of language and math, along with a variety of other skills.






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NOVEMBER – BEGINNER	
🗨️ Language and Literacy	🧑🏫 Science and Social Studies
COMMUNICATION	SCIENCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaks using a variety of vocabulary Refers to self by name Responds to first and last name Answers "what," "where," and "yes-no" questions Asks simple questions Speaks in an audible voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explores differences in temperature Explores seasonal changes in nature
LITERACY	SOCIAL STUDIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquires new vocabulary through shared reading experiences Listens to a 5-minute story with pictures Answers yes/no questions about a story Pretends to read a book, holding the book right side up Retells a familiar story in own words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explores common community helpers Knows and recognizes centers in the classroom
WRITING	DIVERSITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to hold a crayon or other writing utensil correctly Makes marks on paper Makes circular marks on paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talks about own family Talks about favorite foods Talks about foods eaten at home
🔢 Mathematics	🎨 Creative Expression
NUMBERS AND NUMBER SENSE	MUSIC AND MUSICIANS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeats numbers 1-20 Understands the number concept of one Understands the number concept of two 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claps hands with music Moves body expressively to the sound of music Begins to show preference for a familiar song
GEOMETRY AND RELATIONSHIPS	ART AND ARTISTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Names shapes Names primary colors Does simple matching of color, shapes, and objects Sorts a few objects based on color, shape, or size Puts two halves together to make a whole Understands same and different 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draws a picture using crayons and/or markers Draws some shapes Makes prints using various materials Creates a painting using two or more primary colors Begins to use a glue stick
PROBLEM SOLVING AND REASONING	DRAMATIC PLAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completes 3- to 10-piece puzzles Names a familiar object when use is described Answers simple questions about what comes next in simple, familiar tasks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engages in pretend play connected to the weekly story Explores clothing and props used in warm and cold weather Engages in pretend cooking or food-centered activities

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 Wellness	 Social-Emotional
FINE MOTOR SKILLS	SELF-HELP SKILLS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fits objects together and takes them apart (Duplo Blocks) • Uses safety scissors • Turns over small containers to find things • Begins to use snaps, buttons, and zippers • Begins to use pincer grip to pick up smaller objects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calms self when upset • Assists in dressing/undressing • Engages in clean-up routines including clearing spot after eating • Feeds self with spoon and fork • Verbalizes need for a diaper change or bathrooming
GROSS MOTOR AND BALANCE	SOCIAL INTERACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walks along a straight line • Crawls through tunnels • Copies simple body movements • Throws a ball underhand without losing balance • Sits with legs criss-crossed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begins to understand personal space • Responds to and reciprocates greetings from adults • Shows varied feelings • Says “please” and “thank you” • Starts to talk about emotions • Initiates play interactions with peers
HEALTH, SAFETY, AND NUTRITION	 Citizens of the World
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies a variety of foods by name • Follows simple hand-washing procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced to new Spanish vocabulary • Reviews previously acquired Spanish vocabulary • Listens to music from other cultures