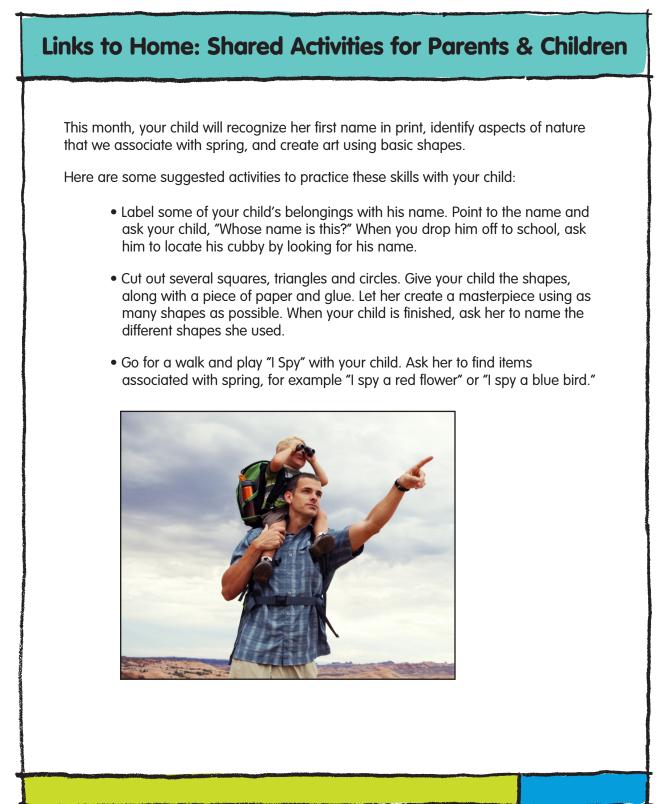


Links to Learning

APRIL BEGINNERS



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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Language and Literacy	Science and Social Studies	
COMMUNICATION	SCIENCE	
 Speaks using a variety of vocabulary Understands and uses plurals Begins to add "ed" to make past tense of words Follows two-step directions Speaks in a clear, audible voice Verbally states first and last name 	 Explores rainbows Explores animal-connected textures (bunny fur, crab shell, snakeskin) Describes texture Explores insects SOCIAL STUDIES	
LITERACY	• Talks about keeping the classroom and environment clean	
 Recognizes first name in print Acquires new vocabulary through shared reading experiences Answers questions about a story Retells a familiar story in own words Connects events in story to own life 	DIVERSITY	
	Identifies age Identifies characteristics of self (hair color, gender, eye color)	
	Creative Expression	
 Identifies the beginning of a story 	MUSIC AND MUSICIANS	
WRITING Holds a crayon or other writing utensil correctly Draws an arc on paper Makes scribble marks that resemble some letter forms on paper "Reads" own writing aloud 	 Claps an ABAB rhythmic pattern with music (hand-knees-hand-knees) Sings familiar songs Moves body expressively with music Identifies music as fast or slow 	
	ART AND ARTISTS	
2) Mathematics	 Creates 3D art using various materials Paints on a vertical surface (fence, classroom wall, easel) 	
NUMBERS AND NUMBER SENSE	Creates art using basic shapes	
• Counts from 1–20	DRAMATIC PLAY	
 Understands the number concepts of one to five Counts items in groups of 1–5 Uses fingers to represent numbers 1–5 Tells which is one and which is many 	 Engages in pretend play connected to the weekly story Dramatizes movements of different animals 	
GEOMETRY AND RELATIONSHIPS		
 Names shapes and colors (primary and most secondary) Does simple matching of color, shapes, and objects Matches shapes regardless of orientation (e.g. triangle and upside-down triangle) Matches simple 3D shapes to simple 2D shapes 		
PROBLEM SOLVING AND REASONING		
 Completes 3- to 10-piece puzzles Repeats simple ABAB patterns Explains everyday occurrences using simple reasoning Uses picture references and deductive reasoning to determine who is and is not present at school 		
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Wellness	Social-Emotional
FINE MOTOR SKILLS	SELF-HELP SKILLS
 Strings large beads Puts small objects in openings with increasing control Squeezes and manipulates Play-Doh Uses safety scissors Removes and adheres stickers to paper Laces lacing cards with support 	Removes shoes Attempts to put shoes back on Uses an open cup with control Begins to follow bathrooming procedures Expresses needs and wants
GROSS MOTOR AND BALANCE	SOCIAL INTERACTION
Tries to balance on one foot Kicks a ball without falling Throws a ball at a target Tries to catch a ball Does simple exercises	 Labels some emotions in self and others (happy, sad, angry) Initiates play interactions with peers Begins to take turns when asked Maintains attention to an activity for 5 minutes
	Citizens of the World
HEALTH, SAFETY, AND NUTRITION	 Introduced to new Spanish vocabulary Reviews previously acquired Spanish vocabulary Explores animals from around the world
 Identifies a variety of foods Talks about the importance of exercise Accepts water as a drink option Follows some playground safety rules 	