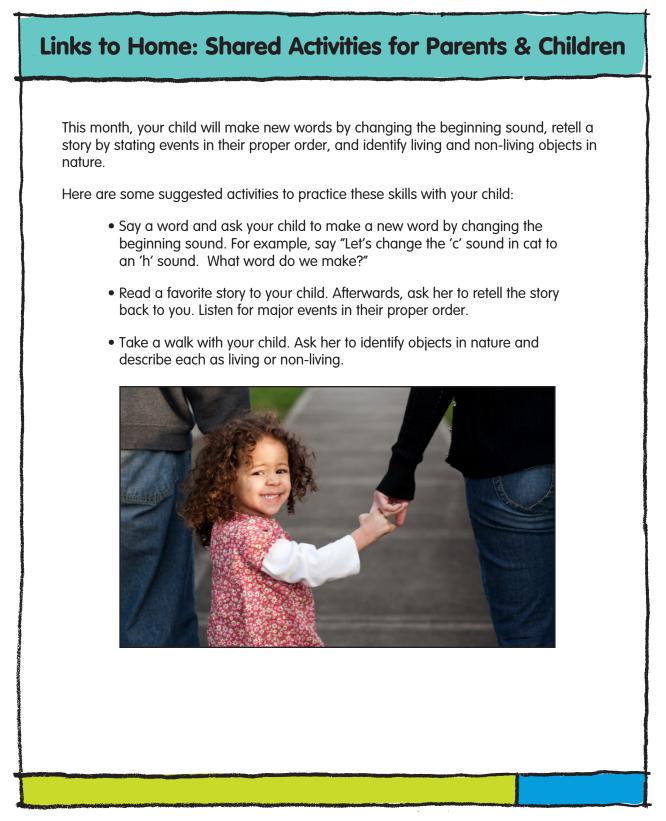


Links to Learning

APRIL PRE-K



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	2 Mathematics
COMMUNICATION	NUMBERS AND NUMBER SENSE
 Dictates stories Uses three different words to describe an object Knows some opposite words Asks questions about unknown vocabulary Substitutes initial consonant sounds in simple, one-syllable words to make new words Finishes an incomplete sentence with an appropriate word 	 Recognizes numerals 1–50 Counts by tens Compares two numbers (1-10) when written as numerals Develops the concept of subtraction using five or fewer concrete objects Identifies whether the number of objects in one group is greater than, less than, or equal to the number of objects in another group
LITERACY	GEOMETRY AND RELATIONSHIPS
 Interprets story situations and predicts outcomes Identifies the role of the author and illustrator Discusses major events in a story Retells a story, with some detail, including the main characters and the correct sequence of events Identifies letters and the letter/sound relationship Matches beginning sounds of words Matches familiar spoken words to written words Reads/recognizes sight words Uses picture reference books to obtain information 	 Describes a five-step procedure in sequential order (getting dressed) Orders the days of the week
	PROBLEM SOLVING AND REASONING
	 Begins to match pennies, nickels, and dimes to their associated value Completes 25- or more piece puzzles Creates an original pattern using four objects Creates and interprets a simple bar graph
WRITING	Describes how he/she solved a problem in his/her own way
 Uses a journal as a way to communicate ideas and thoughts through writing and drawing Begins to use inventive spelling in writing 	Science and Social Studies
 Writes first and last name in proper case 	SCIENCE
 Writes the letters of the alphabet (uppercase and lowercase) Copies short words Writes numerals 1–40 	 Participates in experiments to answer questions Makes predictions based on prior knowledge Explores how different vegetables grow Identifies and sorts things in the environment into living
Social-Emotional SELF-HELP SKILLS	 and non-living categories Explores the concept of recycling
 Eats meals/snacks within a predetermined time frame Makes choices within the classroom Asks for help when needed Transitions to a new activity with a signal Uses basic table manners Begins to tie shoes 	SOCIAL STUDIES
	 Recognizes the symbols for and understands the meaning of certain holidays: Earth Day Participates in voting as a way of making choices Begins to determine the relative location of places using terms near/far Identifies common places in the community
SOCIAL INTERACTION	
 Learns and follows behavior expectations in centers Initiates play with a variety of peers Plays cooperatively with peers Recognizes and labels emotions in self and others Demonstrates some control of emotions Uses words to resolve peer conflict 	DIVERSITY • Talks about immediate and extended family • Shares personal favorites (animal, color, etc)
Attempts to solve peer conflict independently	

APRIL - PRE-K (continued from front)

Creative Expression	🗷 Wellness
MUSIC AND MUSICIANS	FINE MOTOR SKILLS
 Claps hands in rhythm with different types of music Makes a musical instrument Sings and recites songs Identifies and distinguishes tempo and volume 	 Shapes and manipulates Play-Doh into ball shapes Laces lacing cards Reproduces a design using a peg board Squeezes clothespins Cuts out shapes Matches shapes to create designs on shape cards
ART AND ARTISTS	
 Discusses an artist known for a specific painting Discusses what is seen in a piece of art 	GROSS MOTOR AND BALANCE
 Creates a piece of art based off the artist discussed Explores and creates multi-sensory art Uses texture to create original art Creates a piece of art using recycled materials 	 Throws a ball overhand and underhand with close accuracy Walks forward, backward, and sideways with balance Imitates complex body movements Balances on either foot for an extended period of time Hops forward ten times without falling Skips alternating feet
DRAMATIC PLAY	
 Engages in pretend play connected to the weekly story Engages in pretend play connected to gardens/gardening 	HEALTH, SAFETY AND NUTRITION
Citizens of the World	 Demonstrates an understanding of playground safety rules Sorts foods into simple food groups (fruits, vegetables, grains, proteins) Identifies healthy living needs (exercise, sleep, nutrition)
 Introduced to new Spanish vocabulary Reviews previously acquired Spanish vocabulary Learns about another country in the world 	
	Digital Interactions
	 Uses a mouse and clicks with accuracy Uses and explores different types of technology