

JUNE INTERMEDIATES

Links to Home: Shared Activities for Parents & Children

This month, your child will compare and contrast objects by using physical attributes (color, shape, size, weight), explore rocks in nature, and express her own wants and needs.

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

- Give your child a small bucket and take a walk with her. Ask her to collect a few rocks and place them in the bucket. Afterwards, ask your child to compare the texture of the rocks.
- Ask your child questions to help her explain her thoughts and ideas.
 "What would you like to eat?" or "What would you like to wear today?"
- Hand your child two of her favorite stuffed animals. Ask your child,
 "How are the animals the same?" and "How are the animals different?"
 Listen for adjectives describing color, shape, size and weight.



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.



Language and Literacy	Science and Social Studies
COMMUNICATION	SCIENCE
 Explains own ideas Understands and uses spatial vocabulary States first and last name Orally identifies compound words (e.g. what is base + ball) Identifies and produces real or nonsense rhyming words 	 Explores textures and colors of rocks Explores textures and colors of other natural objects (pinecones, leaves, seashells) Identifies current season Identifies and graphs daily weather
LITERACY	SOCIAL STUDIES
 Recognizes first name in print Orally spells first name Recognizes most letter names Recognizes some letter sounds in isolation 	Identifies land and water on a globe or map Begins to understand the concepts of yesterday, today, and tomorrow DIVERSITY
WRITING	
 Holds a writing utensil correctly Writes first name Writes some numerals "Reads" own writing aloud 	 Identifies members in their immediate family Compares and contrasts names for father in families (Dad, Daddy, Papi) Explores family roles
Mathematics	(I) Creative Expression
NUMBERS AND NUMBER SENSE	MUSIC AND MUSICIANS
Counts from 1–50 Counts items in two groups to obtain a total Recognizes numerals 1–20 Understands sets of 1–10	 Listens to and explores music from different genres (classical, jazz, kids' songs) Discusses a musician known for a specific genre Scarf dances to music Sings familiar songs
GEOMETRY AND RELATIONSHIPS	ART AND ARTISTS
 Recalls and names primary and secondary colors Recalls and names basic shapes, including diamond, heart, oval, star Compares and contrasts objects by physical attributes (color, size, shape, weight) 	Paints on a textured surface Uses a glue bottle or glue stick Makes a texture collage Creates 3D art using various materials DRAMATIC PLAY
Demonstrates an understanding of weight PROBLEM SOLVING AND REASONING	Engages in pretend play connected to the weekly story
Completes 10- to 20-piece puzzles	Engages in pretend play connected to nature
 Repeats a pattern using up to three objects Begins to interpret data presented in bar graphs 	Digital Interactions
Citizens of the World	 Labels different types of technology Finds letters for first name on a keyboard or keypad Uses and explores different types of technology
 Introduced to new Spanish vocabulary Reviews previously acquired Spanish vocabulary Compares weather to another locale 	
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⊗ Wellness	Social-Emotional	
FINE MOTOR SKILLS	SELF-HELP SKILLS	
Fills a peg board Pinches a clothespin Cuts along a line in a continuous motion Folds paper Picks up small items with tongs GROSS MOTOR AND BALANCE	 Regularly assumes a classroom helper job Zips, snaps, and buttons clothing with minimal assistance Cleans up with prompting Asks for help when needed Begins to understand and follow basic table manners Manages and identifies personal belongings Follows bathrooming and hand washing procedures 	
 Walks on tiptoes Pedals a tricycle Walks on a wide balance board Catches a bounced ball Rolls 	SOCIAL INTERACTION	
	Recognizes and labels some emotions in self and others Follows behavior expectations in centers Maintains attention within a center for 5-8 minutes Begins to manage/verbalize frustration Plays cooperatively with peers Plays simple games with peers	
HEALTH, SAFETY AND NUTRITION		
 Discusses basic water safety Discusses sun safety Identifies a variety of foods by texture (rough, smooth, soft, hard) 		