

JULY INTERMEDIATES

Links to Home: Shared Activities for Parents & Children

This month, your child will talk about events using past and future tense, learn to write his first name in print, and memorize and sing patriotic songs.

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

- Ask your child about past and future events. For instance, "What did you do in school today?" or "What are you going to do when we go to the playground?" Listen for appropriate use of the past and future tense.
- Discuss your family's Fourth of July traditions with your child. Ask him to teach you a patriotic song he learned in class.
- Allow your child to decorate a sign for his bedroom door. Have him write his first name on the sign.



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.



JULY - INTERMEDIATE Science and Social Studies Language and Literacy COMMUNICATION **SCIENCE** • Tells about an event using past and future tense Identifies and graphs daily weather • Answers "wh-" and "how" questions • Identifies sun, moon, stars • States first and last name • Compares daytime sky to nighttime sky • Orally identifies compound words (e.g. what is base + ball) **SOCIAL STUDIES** • Identifies and produces real or nonsense rhyming words Recognizes the American flag as a national symbol **LITERACY** Begins to discuss the Fourth of July holiday • Recognizes first name in print **DIVERSITY** • Recognizes most letter names • Recognizes some letter sounds in isolation • Knows state of residence • Discusses major events in a story • Knows country of residence Describes self **WRITING** • Identifies immediate and extended family members • Holds a writing utensil correctly (B) Creative Expression Writes first name • Writes some numerals MUSIC AND MUSICIANS "Reads" own writing aloud • Learns and sings patriotic songs Mathematics • Claps hands in rhythmic pattern that grows in length (B-I-N-G-O) • Begins to identify simple musical instruments by sound NUMBERS AND NUMBER SENSE Explores percussion instruments Counts from 1–50 **ART AND ARTISTS** • Counts items in two groups to obtain a total • Recognizes numerals 1-20 • Discusses an artist or a piece of art related to America • Understands sets of 1-10 • Draws a picture based off the artist or art discussed • Explores painting to music GEOMETRY AND RELATIONSHIPS • Creates art using shapes and lines • Recalls and names primary and secondary colors • Draws people with a head and some body parts Recalls and names basic shapes, including diamond, heart, DRAMATIC PLAY • Compares and contrasts objects by physical attributes (color, • Engages in pretend play connected to the weekly story size, shape) • Engages in pretend play dramatizing common American experiences PROBLEM SOLVING AND REASONING • Engages in pretend play dramatizing a parade • Completes 10- to 20-piece puzzles Digital Interactions • Repeats a pattern using up to three objects • Begins to interpret data presented in bar graphs • Understands technology vocabulary: mouse, keyboard, screen, type, print © Citizens of the World • Finds letters for first name on a keyboard or keypad Uses and explores different types of technology • Reviews previously acquired Spanish vocabulary • Explores American flag • Explores flags from other countries (continued on back)

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★ Wellness	Social-Emotional
FINE MOTOR SKILLS	SELF-HELP SKILLS
Fills a peg board Matches shapes to basic shape cards Laces lacing cards Cuts along a line in a continuous motion Manipulates Play-Doh into shapes or figures GROSS MOTOR AND BALANCE Marches Walks in a line	 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
	SOCIAL INTERACTION
Throws a ball overhand at a target Catches a bounced ball Balances on either foot for an extended period of time	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	
 Talks about basic summer safety (fireworks, hot car, grill) Identifies a variety of dairy, grain, and protein foods 	