

Ready to Read



At-home activities to do with the child in your life

BINGO

Sing...

A song based on a nursery rhyme (like "I'm a Little Teapot")



Talk...

About a family memory or event, like when your child was born or said her/his first word

Read...

A book about starting school – ask your child what they are excited about

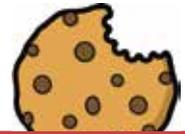


Write...

Draw picture of your favorite character from a book

Play...

With measuring cups – in the bath or make cookies



A song with hand motions like Itsy-Bitsy Spider or Baby Shark

Signs you see in the car or at the store – what do they mean?

A book with only pictures – ask your child questions about what they see



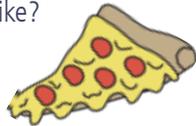
A list of all the people in your family

With bubbles and talk about shapes



Make a musical instrument out of recycled materials

Your favorite food – why do you like and what does it taste like?



A book from the library – consider getting a library card

Your name with a crayon or marker in your favorite color



Take a walk and count what you see – sticks, leaves, flowers, acorns, etc.

A song you can dance to (try Jim Gill or Greg & Steve)



Something that makes you happy – what is it and why do you like it?

A non-fiction, or true book about something, you like



The alphabet in shaving cream on a cookie sheet

With sounds – how many silly rhymes can you find for your name?

A kid version of a top 40's song

Words that rhyme – find a picture of a word and try to rhyme it

A fairy tale or folk tale, like Little Red Riding Hood or Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Draw a map of your house and write the names of the rooms

With puppets – tell your favorite story with puppets or stuffed animals



At Home Recipes



UNCOOKED PLAYDOUGH

1/4 cup salt

1 cup flour

1/4 cup water

INSTRUCTIONS

Have your child mix the flour and salt in a bowl then add water. Knead and squeeze the dough to make a clay consistency. You may need to add more water. Add food coloring.



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1 cup Elmer's glue

food coloring, your choice of color
(Optional: coloring can stain!)

1 cup liquid starch

INSTRUCTIONS

Pour glue and coloring in plastic container. Stir until color is thoroughly mixed in. Add starch a little at a time, stirring with a spoon or kneading with your fingers as mixture thickens. Keep stirring until mixture holds together like putty. Test with your fingers: if too sticky, add more starch in small amounts until mass is smooth and rubbery.



BUBBLE BLOWING SOLUTION

3 cups water

1 cup liquid dish detergent

1 T. Sugar

INSTRUCTIONS

Combine ingredients well. Dip bubble wand in and blow. To make a bubble wand, you can bend a pipe cleaner into shape. For colored solution, add food coloring. (Optional: coloring can stain!)

Website Resources

libraries.idaho.gov/publications/bookworm/
Read or sign-up to receive "The Bookworm" from the Idaho Commission for Libraries, an early literacy newsletter for parents and caregivers.

youtube.com/yt/kids/

Try "Cocomelon" - Nursery rhymes, kids songs and videos to help kids learn.

pbskids.org/apps/play-and-learn-science

"Play and Learn Science" app by PBS Kids – free app for preschoolers and parents to explore science on- and offscreen.