

## Activities at Home

No school doesn't have to mean bored kids, lots of screen time or just academic worksheets. Here are some fun ways to keep giving kids learning opportunities at home!

- String beads on a string or pipe cleaner for jewelry making, follow a pattern or just let the kids create.
- Take a walk and explore, feel the bark on the trees, and build out of sticks or rocks
- Play "Simon Says" or "What Time is It Mr. Wolf" to practice listening to instructions and counting while getting some fresh air
- Push a pipe cleaner or spaghetti noodles into a colander
- Use a Styrofoam paper cup and raw spaghetti noodles, and small items like pieces of cereal or mini marshmallows to make a homemade version of KerPlunk and see who can pull out the most noodles while
- Tape paper to the wall (the bigger the piece the better) and draw with markers or crayons
- Build with LEGO's, blocks or plastic food storage containers- make towers or towns, use your imagination.
- Peel stickers and make a card to send to someone. Walk or drive over to hand deliver the card!
- Make a pillow fort with couch cushions and blankets- use your imagination to play games and pretend
- Make letters and numbers out of items like coins or dry beans
- Use a balloon or inflate a Ziploc Bag like a balloon, and play "Keep Up".
- Make characters out of toilet paper or paper towel rolls by using scissors to trim the end into "hair", and drawing faces and clothing on the tube.
- Animal walks: frogs, bunny, bear, crab, and make up your own!
- Make homemade cookies from a box, package or recipe- practice rolling into balls or using cookie cutters
- Make letters, numbers, and shapes with popsicle sticks or pipe cleaners- you can also glue down and paint for more crafty kids
- Family dinner with the kids picking the menu and helping to cook.
- Create a fort or spaceship out of big cardboard boxes
- Stack cups! See how high you can stack them up, build a tower or castle

- Build a marble run by taping cups, toilet paper tubes and pieces of cardboard together to create a maze to roll a marble through
- Have the kids help you to do tasks around the house such as sweeping or wiping the table. These are great to help work on motor skills but also help you!
- Fill an empty shoebox or large plastic container with uncooked rice, dry beans, sand, raw macaroni noodles, shredded paper, or beads. The possibilities are endless! Find different textures that your kids can get their hands in and play with. You can add small items into the bins like magnetic letters, blocks or toy cars. The kids can find the “blue car” or letters for their name.

