

ACTIVITY TIPS
FOR PARENTS OF PRE-KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
“Starting School”
August & September



Listed below please find some fun activities that you can do with your child:

- Purchase a supply of apple ornaments and on one put the uppercase letter on another the lowercase, and have them match them.
- Look what you can do with leaves: Have students with their families create a picture of something utilizing leaves that they find. Send home a fall colored piece of construction paper and you'll have a beautiful fall bulletin board with the students work (I spell out the word “Fall” with pinecones at the top of the bulletin board).
- Each month we cover a new color. I send home the construction paper of the color we are working on and request that students work with their parents/family to create a collage picture of items in that color using sale ads, etc.
- Make a delightful snack using apples, peanut butter, granola and gummie worms. Core out the apple, fill with a mixture of granola and peanut butter, then top with a gummie worm. We call them “Squirmy Wormy Apples”.



Activity Tips For Parents of Pre-K Children October

To help with color recognition have child make a color book utilizing sale ads depicting Halloween items and have them locate designated color items and glue onto same color piece of construction paper.

Using white construction paper/cardstock have child cut out 10 triangle shapes and color them to match candy corn. Then have them write the numerals from 1-10 on a triangle. Mix them up and have child place in correct number order from 1-10.

Have your child create a monster/ghoulish character out of a brown paper grocery bag, let them find things from outside to embellish (sweetgum tree balls, pine cones, sticks, etc.) Upon completion have the child dictate a story to go along with their creation. This will surely be one of their favorite things to read.

Using the candy wrappers/boxes have your child make a book, they can even place in alphabetic order and try to find something for the letters they are missing (from their friends/relatives) to complete their ABC Ghoolish Book.

After they return from trick or treating, have them graph their treats, most to least, group them according to size, kind, etc. This is great to reinforce math concepts.

Below are listed are some fun websites for parents/children:

www.apples4theteacher.com

www.puzzlemaker.com



Happy Halloween

ACTIVITY TIPS FOR PARENTS OF PRE-K CHILDREN NOVEMBER

**USING FEATHERS HAVE CHILD PAINT
A PICTURE OF THE SEASON.**

**USING A PAPER PLATE HAVE THE
CHILDREN MAKE A PILGRIM
BOY/GIRL TO HANG ON THE DOOR.**

**USING PAPER PLATE HAVE CHILDREN
MAKE A PECAN PIE WITH SHELLS, OR
HAVE THEM COLOR TO LOOK LIKE
PUMPKIN PIE AND SPRINKLE WITH
CINNAMON FOR A ROOM SACHET.**

**MAKE AN INDIAN HEADBAND WITH
SIGHT WORDS WRITTEN ON PAPER
FEATHERS. THEY CAN EARN THEIR
FEATHERS FOR THE MONTH BY
LEARNING THE WORDS.**





Activity Tips For Parents of Pre-K Children December

Ornament sorting, have children help with decorating by having them sort the ornaments by color or size. Ask which has the most, and the least.

Let child make gift wrap for you utilizing white butcher paper and markers. You'll be surprised what they can do with this activity. They can use Seasonal words, symbols, and have them use the colors of the season as well. Those who receive gifts wrapped with this paper will cherish their work as well.

Adopt an elderly person who possibly has no family and visit this person during the break and take some pictures. Upon returning home sit down and write a story together about the visit, describe the feelings seen and felt by both sides, I feel sure everyone will be touched by this activity.

Make gift tags out of old cards receive in the past. Let the children put holes in the corner with hole punch and string a piece of ribbon through it. Great recycling activity while also building fine motor skills.

Using old pieces of scrap ribbon, have the children make chain garland. You will be amazed at how beautiful it will be and what a treasure to give to a grandparent.

Decorate a small tree for an elderly person or family member. In lieu of ornaments, use old snapshots, school pictures of the children and embellish with ribbon as the hangar. It can be a grandparent tree, and they will think it is the best gift they have ever received, and one that will be treasured for always.

Activity Tips For Parents of Pre-K Children January

Make New Year's resolutions with your child to make more time to do things together as a family. Work on this together and you'll be amazed at what they want to do with you. Have them help in planning it out on a new calendar. This will give them something to look forward to, they can mark off the days, count down which will help with their Math skills.

Have a snowball fight with paper and build a snowman utilizing 3 different sized white trash bags (small, medium, and large). The bags can be bags from the grocery store, etc. The climate in East Texas doesn't provide many opportunities for enough snowfall to really make a snowman, so this is really fun for the child. It is also a great rainy day activity.

An inexpensive art activity using coffee filters to make snowflakes is another fun rainy day activity for children. All you need are some coffee filters, scissors, glue & glitter. Children fold up the filters and then make small snips and cutouts, when they open them up they are a beautiful snowflake, these can also be mailed to grandparents as a keepsake.

Edible snowflakes made with cream cheese and tortillas. Kids love to make and eat these!



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February

To emphasize the importance of brushing teeth well, using an egg carton or small ice cube tray turned upside down, and shaving crème and a toothbrush have children practice brushing each tooth in a circular motion and in between.

For heart health, have child take turns counting heart beats using fingers on pulse points (do for 15 seconds and multiply by 4= total beats per minute).

Have children use an add from the grocery story and make posters of things that are good for teeth and things that are bad. This is a great way to teaching good nutrition too, and also great for discussions.

Shadow hunt discussions, for Groundhog Day. Discuss signs of the season, look for signs of a seasonal change. Additional activity could be to trace shadow and then measure the length, talk about the time of day and the presence or absence of sunlight and how it affects the shadow.

Make a set of flashcards with the sight words or alphabet letters (upper and lower case) in the shape of small hearts and store in an empty Valentine's heart shaped box. Children love novelty items and this is a very inexpensive way to make their learning fun.

Make a book using the Valentine Candy Box lid and bottom as the hard cover and then sit down and let your child dictate a story to you about Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, Dental Health, Heart Health. They will treasure this book always because you helped them to make it.





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Anytime Activities

Listed below are some fun activities that you can do with your child:

- Start counting and leave out numbers, have your child fill in the missing number. (0-10)
- Have your child count items at mealtime, subtract what they eat, then tell you the number of items that are remaining.
- Hunt for sight words while out shopping, driving, etc.
- Have them practice writing their names/letters/words/numbers in the bathtub with menthol-free shaving cream.
- Hunt sight words in the newspaper and highlight them. Then count to see how many you found.
- Have them use magnetic letters to spell their name and sight words on the refrigerator.
- While at the grocery store or while putting groceries away ask your child about the shape of the objects.
- Make letters and shapes out of play-doh. Roll the play-doh into snakes to form the letters and shapes.
- Select one colored sheet of construction paper then look in magazines, sale ads, etc. to find things that are the same color as the sheet of construction paper. Glue what your child finds onto the sheet of construction paper.
- Have your child dictate a story to you. Have them bring the story to school the next day so that they can share it with their class.
- Do a **BOOK LOOK** with your child. Select a book your child would enjoy. Go through the book with your child discussing the cover and the title. Predict what you think the story might be about, then see if you were right!
- **READ:** Share the story with your child and upon completion discuss the events of the story. Discuss what happened first, second, etc.



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April

Listed below please find some Pre-K web sights and fun activities that you can do with your child:

- Save the plastic eggs from Easter and label one part of the egg with the uppercase letters and the other part with the lower case letters, separate them and have the child match the correct upper/lower case letters. You can also do this with numbers/numeric & written name of numbers. For older children you could do compound words, etc.
- Utilizing silk/plastic flowers, plastic flowerpots w/Styrofoam, have the students place the correct number of flowers in the corresponding numbered labeled flowerpot.
- Utilizing plastic eggs from Easter have children match same colors, make patterns. (The after Easter sales are a great time to get many different types of plastic eggs)
- Coloring Easter eggs is a great opportunity for learning colors and experimenting with them as a Science activity. What does a raw egg do in water sink/float, what does a boiled egg do? What happens when you mix colors? How do we make different colors?
- Get old wallpaper books from (Lowe's/Home Depot, etc.) and let the children cut out Easter egg shapes, get them laminated and the children can use to write letters/name.
- Using an Easter/Spring gift bag cut down one side and across the bottom and make a book.

Pre-K web sights with ideas, games and activities:

www.preschool.com

www.preschoolexpress.com

www.kiddiesgames.com

www.educationalllearninggames.com

www.scholastic.com

Activity Tips For Parents of Pre-K Children May

In anticipation of the end of the school year have your child make a thank you cards for the Principal, Vice-Principal, Counselor, School Nurse, Librarian, Music Teacher. Encourage them to write a message inside too.

Together with your child make a memory box for the year and go through the items they have made during the year and keep those which are special. Let them decorate a pizza box and label it with the year and their names. They are great for storage as they do not take up much space.

In preparation of the upcoming summer, together go through blue jeans and see which ones are a little too short and have your child help you make them into shorts for the summer, and then let them decorate them with fringe, paint, etc.

**Gardening
Is
Fun with
Kids Too!!!**

