

Excellent Learning Activities for Your Child

1. Books, books and more books! Read to them and with them.
2. Let your child be responsible for jobs around home. This allows them to develop a sense of responsibility, ownership and independence.
3. Have fun playing games and cards. A deck of cards is a wonderful tool for learning counting, sorting, and ordering numbers. Your child will also be learning how to take turns and play fairly.
4. Listen to your child and expect them to listen to you. If they won't listen to you, they will have trouble listening to the adults at school as well. Provide opportunities for them to practice if necessary.
5. Recite and sing favorite nursery rhymes and songs. Talk about the words, what they mean and if they rhyme.
6. Talk with your child as if they were an adult. This provides a strong language model for them to follow. Discourage "baby talk."
7. Have an art box or cupboard available for them to explore. Include crayons, glue, sticks, tape, paper, paints, scissors, playdough, pencils, and interesting writing supplies.
8. Have your child "read" to you.
9. Play counting games, rhyming games and sound games as you travel in the car.
10. Arrange for your child to play with other children his or her age.
11. Combine learning with "hands-on" play. String Cheerios, buttons, beads, macaroni. Sort clothing, silverware, buttons, coins, nails, playing cards. Pour rice, juice, milk, flour, cereal. Color drawings, newspapers, coloring books. Trace hands and feet, pictures from coloring books, shapes, blocks, cookie cutters.
12. Make Jello, Kool-aid, lemonade, cookies, popcorn. Cook together in the kitchen.