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Imaginative Play

“Over the last 75 years, a number of theorists and researchers have identified the values of such imaginative play as a vital component to the normal development of a child.”

Activity: Cars and Trucks

Suggestion: Collect all the cars and trucks you have around the house. Make a recycled car city by using any recycled items around the house such as yogurt tubs, boxes and plastic bottles. Cut some strips of paper for the road and allow your child to build the city. Your child can then play with the city by driving the cars along the road to the different buildings in the city.



Ring Time – Much Repeating

“People often say that practice makes perfect. Research certainly supports this, especially in children. In fact, studies have shown that repetition can be critically important for learning in general.”

Activity: Shapes

Suggestion: Play shape hopscotch - you can either cut different shapes out of paper and place them on the floor in a hopscotch pattern, or you can draw hopscotch outside with some chalk. Let your child tell you each shape as they step in it.



Activity: Focus letter of the week — n

Suggestion:

- Naming of objects around the house that start with the letter n, pronounced as “/n/” for nose.
- Copy the letter n in a shallow bed of sand, sugar or flour as per the picture and have your child copy the shape of the letter using their finger.

The template can be accessed through Dropbox, alternatively I can send the link in the WhatsApp group.

Template:

<https://www.dropbox.com/h?preview=Focus+Letter+n.pdf>



Skills Time – Educational Games

“Puzzles are effectual educational materials which support children’s cognitive, language, motor, social and emotional developmental areas while fostering their creativity and selfcare skills as well as providing learning during playing with them.”

Online Puzzle:

<https://www.onlinejigsawpuzzles.net>

Stepping Stone Skill: Speech and Language - Auditory Discrimination

Activity: Identify everyday sounds and noises

Suggestion: Let your child close their eyes and see what they can hear around them such as cars driving by, birds outside or a dog barking. You can also use the link below to see if your child can guess the sounds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VYCKHMDAq0>

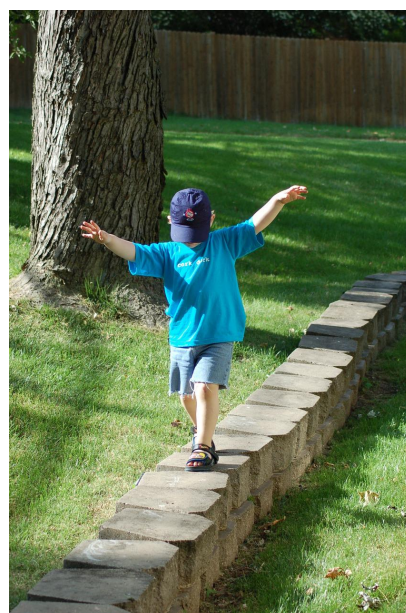


Gross Motor – Using Your Body

“Research indicates that gross motor skills are a major predictor of a child’s school readiness. They reflect ‘brain skills’...

Activity: Balance beam - Dynamic Balance

Suggestion: Use a piece of wood on two bricks to make a balance beam or a low wall and allow your child to walk along with their arms stretched out to the side to help balance.



Theme Time – Learning About Our World

The theme this week is winter

Activity: Discuss Winter



Suggestion: Go outside and talk about how cold it is in winter. There is no rain in Johannesburg in winter and the days are shorter and the nights are longer. You can explain that in some countries they have snow but not usually in South Africa. Explain that winter is one of the four seasons and a lot of trees have no leaves in winter. Talk about the clothes people wear in winter such as jerseys, jackets, scarves, gloves and beanies. Ask your child what we usually eat or drink in winter such as soup, stew, hot chocolate and citrus fruit that is in season.

Art – Learning Through Creativity

“Creative arts not only cultivate children’s imaginations, so that they become more flexible and inventive thinkers, but also help to develop their physical, emotional, and mental capabilities.”

Activity: Dressing for Winter

Items required: Template provided of people and winter clothes, crayons, glue and scissors.

Step 1 – Let your child colour in the template of the people and the winter clothes. Discuss the winter clothing items.

Step 2 – Help your child cut out the winter clothes.

Step 3 - Stick the winter clothes on the people.



Template: <https://www.dropbox.com/h?preview=Dress+for+winter+art.pdf>

Story Time – Learning to Love Books

“... storytelling and story reading were found to produce positive gains in oral language. ... young children who heard the stories told demonstrated improved story comprehension in their retelling, while children in the story reading group improved their language complexity”

Suggested Children’s Books

One Winter’s Day

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBKfbo60jll&feature=youtu.be>

Bear Hug

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tfkp34IWTc&feature=youtu.be>



Bible Story – Learning to Love God

Suggested Bible Reading: Moses Exodus 3

Moses and the Burning Bush

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omn08jyfN3s&feature=youtu.be>

The Burning Bush

<https://www.biblewise.com/kids/read/young/the-burning-bush.php>

Songs – Learning through Rhythm

Suggested Children’s Songs

Winter Hokey Pokey

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBYNtMyN_6E&feature=youtu.be

Where is bear

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rniTmg_sVAQ&feature=youtu.be

