

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Home learning exercises for young children Color in the stars as you complete the activity.

MONDAY

Activity Idea

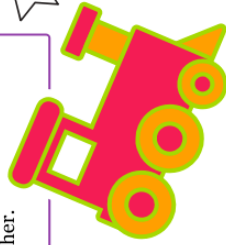
Puzzle Master: Think 3-5 piece puzzles if you're just starting out. Making a puzzle using a picture of mom or dad or the toddler can also be fun. Then, practice labeling people.

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Stick Collector: Take a walk around the backyard and collect sticks (or rocks). Repeat the words (stick or rock over and over) and use simple describing words (short, big, rough, brown).

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Snack Knack: Toddlers love helping. Have them help make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, they can spread the peanut butter or help put the bread together.



TUESDAY

Activity Idea

Junk Mail Junky: Ripping paper is great for fine motor skills and for bilateral motor skills. If there are papers around the house that need shredding let the toddlers do the shredding for you.

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Dirt Detective: Scoop some dirt into a strainer and let the toddler strain the dirt and search through it. See what you can find (rocks, roots, seeds, bugs).

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Sensory Fun: Find interesting things you're not using and turn them into a tactile sensory bin (old oats, dried beans, shaving cream, Easter grass, leftover spaghetti, etc.).

WEDNESDAY

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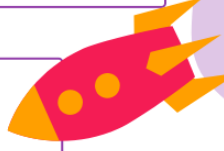
Blocks Baby: See if the toddler can follow along with a sorting activity. Try sorting blocks by color and then put the right colored blocks in the right group. You can also do this with other toys (cars, toy foods, etc.).

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Food Face: Try making a smiley face on the crackers or pancakes using berries, raisins, or chocolate chips. This new presentation of food may make it extra fun for the child.

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Bubble Whisker: Fill a bowl with water and dish soap, then have the toddler help whisk up some bubbles. The more you mix, the more bubbles you'll see.



THURSDAY

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Bump and Jump: Pull cushions off the couch or an old mattress off a bed and take some time jumping. Make a ride by inclining it on the couch for sliding down or have cars or toys roll down the slide.

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Pouring Practice: Work on pouring skills. Have a variety of cups and water, beans, sand, dirt, or anything that will pour. Children love pouring from cup to cup and container to container.

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Sidewalk Art: Use a paintbrush and water to paint the sidewalk. The water paintings will stay on the sidewalk for a few minutes, just long enough to enjoy before it evaporates.

FRIDAY

Activity Idea

Scavenger Hunt: Find or print pictures of common items (bird, ball, leave, flower). Show the child one picture at a time and try to find the real life match of the picture. Point back and forth from the picture to the object to learn the word and help the child understand they are the same.

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Slot Drop: Using an empty container cut a slit large enough for a card to fit through. Then model sliding a card into the slot. This can keep kids busy for longer than you think.

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Ride Around: Give the toddler a fun ride by putting them in the laundry basket and pushing them around the house. The toddler can also take a turn by putting a stuffed animal in the basket and pushing. (This can also be done as a blanket ride, to avoid as much bending.)

