

EC4 Activities

Literacy

-Hide different letters around the house. The kids have to find the letters - and then when they give you the letters have to sound out the letter. We do this in class, the kids love it!

-Put plastic letters in a shallow bowl, with water inside. Have the children scoop up each letter with a spoon and place the letter on a piece of paper which has the alphabet.

-Using legos to make different letter shapes

-Using play dough to write different letters/ words, recipe below

Create All about me books:

-Self portraits

-Shapes to create faces

-Handprints-am I righty or lefty

-Tracing/measuring feet

- Who is in your family? Draw

-Something my parents use at work or at home...- draw things they use

-Home address/phone numbers

-Measuring our height

-Describe your home

Blank books/journals:

-Favorite family moments at home

-Writing names

-Choose a letter and find things that begin with that letter

-What are you thankful for?

-Nature walk, bike ride-what can you find/collect and glue into the books/journals

Art Projects

-Loose parts around your house. We like to use toilet paper rolls/ aluminum foil, cardboard boxes/ extra fabric, markers/ scissors and masking tape! See what your child comes up with!

-Put your child in front of a mirror and have them create their own self portrait on a piece of paper using any type of coloring materials that you have (can be parent lead). They can even draw the whole family!

-Creating your own jellyfish- using colored paper / or paper that they have colored/ and then taping that to a circle piece to create their own jellyfish!

-cutting different shapes

Math

-Cards - have your child play “number battle” (or war, but we don’t call it that!)

-Tic tac toe game

-Count all the shoes in the house! Can you categorize them? By boy or girl, open or closed, big or small. If you have a ruler you can even measure them.

-If you have lots of play cars- have kids draw on a large piece of cardboard parking spots for each car, or draw a town or a neighborhood.

-draw a shark- and put an ice tray over its mouth and then have the child roll the dice and the number that the shark has to eat in one of its “teeth”. Use small legos to place in the compartment correlating with the ice trays. Continue until the whole “mouth” (ice tray) is full.

Dramatic Play

- Restaurant -kids can create a menu with drawings of food and pretend to run a restaurant.
- Our EC4 kids LOVE scavenger hunts! (instead of writing the clue- sometimes we draw them.)
- Creating your own gym for your child - gross motor.
- Obstacles course- above chairs, under tables.
- Make a fort using tablecloth and blankets
- Make an animal hospital- have your child set up a vet clinic for all the stuffed animals and check them. They can find toys to use as props for the Vet.

Sensory/fine motor skills

- beading
- make playdough
 - hole punch leaves from outside and use yarn or thread to lace.
 - Writing a letter to a friend with stamps, address, envelope
 - Math, fine motor, literacy skills:
 - Cutting activities-shapes, lines, snakes
 - Measuring items with ruler around the house
 - Making shapes with blocks-how many sides does it have
 - Cutting vegetables for a soup or meal time
 - Book inspired art/representation of a scene

Playdough Recipe!

- 1 cup flour
- 1/4 cup salt

- 3/4 cup of water minus 3 tablespoons
- 3 tablespoons of lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 2 packets kool-aid (optional for fragrance and coloring)
- - make oobleck (messy)
- Make oobleck in tray- the consistency should be in between liquid and solid using water and cornstarch- super fun
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CP9j29fBHtM>