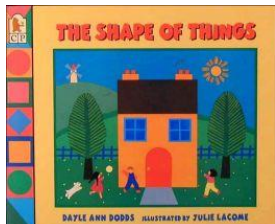


Suggested At Home & On-The-Go Activities

Instructions to Families:

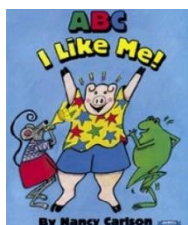
Take the time during this summer to visit your local library and borrow the suggested books. Read these books with your child and engage in the activities and questions provided.



1. Read "The Shape of Things". Take a neighborhood walk or visit a zoo, a park or a museum and look at the shapes of different things around you. Talk about the shapes you see. Count the number of shapes you find.

Questions – Can you find things in your home that are the same shapes you saw in the book? Can you count them?

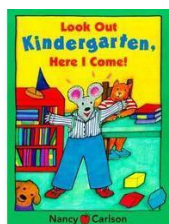
Draw a picture using a variety of shapes.



2. Read "ABC I Like Me". Inspire confidence in your child, talk about all the things that your child can do. Point to letters you find as you travel and look for letters at bus stops, on subways, at the park and other places.

Questions – What are some words that describe you? What are some of your favorite things to do? What makes you a good friend?

Draw a self-portrait.



3. Read "Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!". Talk with your child about what the first day of school will be like. Visit the library to read other books about Kindergarten.
- Questions-** What do you think you will do in Kindergarten? How will you get ready for school?

Draw a picture of Henry on his first day in Kindergarten.

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Fruity Yogurt Cup

You will need:

- Vanilla yogurt
- A variety of frozen or fresh fruits
- Clear plastic cups
- 2 teaspoons corn flakes cereal
- 1 self-seal sandwich bag
- Paper plate, plastic knife, small bowl

Instructions:

- If using frozen fruits allow time for fruits to defrost
- Wash fresh fruits
- Help your child cut fruits into bite size pieces
- Place corn flakes in self-seal sandwich bag. Push air out of the bag. Seal the bag and have your child smash the corn flakes with fist
- Help your child alternate putting yogurt and fruits in the plastic cup (about 3 layers)
- Sprinkle crushed corn flakes as topping
- For red, white and blue *Fruity Yogurt Cup* use blueberries and strawberries only

This activity builds math and vocabulary skills

- Talk about the pattern you have made
- Talk about the color, shape and size of all the fruits
- Use vocabulary such as pattern, color, shape, size, measurement, compare, bigger than, smaller than

Note: please provide alternative ingredients for children with food allergies.

Follow the Leader

You will need:

- A safe place to play

Instructions:

- Ask your child to listen carefully
- Instruct your child to do only what you say
- Say, "Put your hands on your head" (Place your hands on your head and wait for your child to do the same)
- Say, "Touch your toes". Say, "Touch your knees"
- Use different movements, such as march, hop, skip, and have your child follow your lead
- Have your child be the leader and you follow your child's commands

This activity builds listening and coordination skills

- Talk about how well your child is listening and following directions
- Use vocabulary such as ankles, knees, elbows, forehead, stretch, fast, slow

Planting Seeds

You will need:

- 1 empty egg carton
- Soil
- Plastic spoon
- Flower seeds
- 3-4 tablespoons of water
- A small container



Instructions:

- Place 3 cups of soil in the small container
- Help your child dampen the soil by adding the water
- Help your child mix the soil
- Help your child spoon damp soil into each cup of the egg carton
- Sprinkle a few seeds in each cup and cover lightly with soil
- Pat gently and place in a sunny area, watering every few days
- Watch it grow

This activity builds science and vocabulary skills

- Talk about what plants need to grow.
- Talk about how the seeds were planted.
- Use vocabulary such as dirt, soil, bulb, sprout, root, nature, botany

Photo Puzzle

You will need:

- Enlarged copy of a photograph (8 ½ X 11)
- Cardboard or oak tag paper (8 ½ X 11)
- Glue
- Safety scissors

Instructions:

- Glue the photograph to the cardboard or oak tag
- When dry, cut the photograph into 6 to 8 pieces
- Enjoy putting the puzzle together with your child

This activity builds math and vocabulary skills

- Talk about the number of pieces in the puzzle
- Talk about the whole puzzle
- Use vocabulary such as pieces, edge and center

