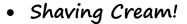


Summer Learning Activities For Rising Kindergarteners

Literacy:

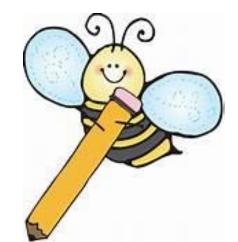
Review all letters of the alphabet; name and sound.

- Make a writing kit! Parents call out a letter sound and have them write the letter.
 - Plain white paper
 - Colored pencils
 - Thin markers
 - Index cards
 - Colored paper
 - Notepads
 - White board
 - Dry erase markers



- Use at bath time and have child write letters on the side of the tub. Works great for number recognition too!
- Pipe Cleaner Letters! Form letters with pipe cleaners.
- Letter Sound Search! Give your child a letter and sound, and ask them to collect as many items as they can that start with that letter.
- READ, READ! The most important academic thing a parent can do
 for their child is read to them on a daily basis. This gives one on one time
 together and becomes a favorite part of the day for both parent and child. After
 reading, always ask questions about what was read. Comprehension and learning
 to read go hand in hand.





Math:

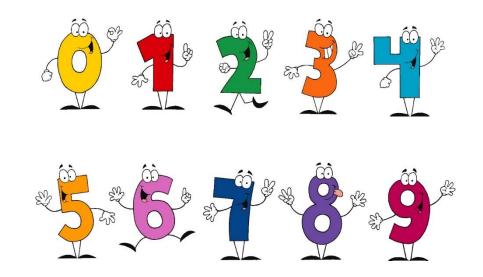
Review numbers 1-20. Try writing them too! The "teen family" (11-20) can be a challenge, so get a jump start on those. ©

Count to 50!!!

- Candy Math Game! Use colored candy for counting and sorting by colors.

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- Number Basketball!
 - Write out numbers on pieces of paper, call out a number for your child to find.
 - When found, crumple it up and toss it in a bucket or the "goal".
- Make A Sticker Counting Book!
 - Use stickers that your child will enjoy.
 - Staple a stack of papers together.
 - Write a number at the top, and have your child place that many stickers on the page.
- Card Games!
 - Have your child match numbers that are the same.
 - Play war! For two players, take the top card from each deck, whoever has the "bigger"/higher number, collects both cards.
- All these fun games help with following directions as well! They're
 listening to instruction and following through. Excellent training all
 while having fun!



Fine Motor Skills:

So many times, these skills are left out and not seen as important, but they are a huge component of early development.

- Scissors!!! Let your child use scissors, with supervision of course.
 - "When I cut my thumb is up!" Show them how to properly hold their scissors.
 - Cut playdough and cardstock
 - Make a magazine collage by cutting out pictures that start with a specific letter (Back to literacy here!), specific items that are of a certain color, or a specific object (flowers, ocean animals, dogs, etc.). Glue the pictures to paper and make a little book!
- Playdough Bakery! Use playdough, rolling pins, cookie cutters, and have a pretend tea party.
- Pipe Cleaners and Bead Work! String beads on pipe cleaners and then count your beads. (Back to math work ©.)
- Clothes Pins! Use clothes pins to pinch pom poms, or cotton balls.

Other areas to work on:

- Basic Shapes
- Colors
- Days of the week
- Months of the year
- Pencil and crayon grip
- Practice opening snack bags/containers and water bottles on their own.
- Practice dressing themselves including putting shoes on. This will help you as a parent with those early school mornings.
- Practice shoe tying IF your child is eager to learn.



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