

Wondering About ...

Educational Activities to do with my Child

There are many things that you can do at home to support the work your child's teachers are doing in the classroom. To maximize the fun, choose activities that are developmentally appropriate for your child. Pushing too soon or too hard may spoil the natural desire your child has to learn. Young children learn best through play, so keep it fun for you and your child.

Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project (HEIP)

www.heartland.edu/heip

The Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project is designed to ensure early childhood professionals have the knowledge and skills required to support the diverse development and learning needs of young children and their families in high-quality, inclusive classroom communities. These resource pages provide a tool for teachers to use to support families faced with questions about early childhood.

National Association for the Education of Young Children for Families website.

<http://families.naeyc.org/>

This national organization sets the standards and accreditation for early childhood education. Their family site provides useful links for learning activities. At the bottom of the page, follow the links for "Child Development," "Reading & Writing," and "Music, Math & More." The "Music" tab at the top of the page may also help you add music to your playtime.

PBS Parents - Education. Public Broadcasting System.

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/>

This site provides an online tool to help select books to read with your young child as well as links to activities that can be done at home for Reading, Math, Science, Music, and Art. It provides free access to appropriate songs for young children and music ideas great for listening, singing, dancing, and learning at home.

Family Education. Family Education Network. (2014)

These webpages provide many activity ideas by age.

babies:

<http://life.familyeducation.com/child-development/activities/63988.html>

toddlers:

<http://life.familyeducation.com/toddler/growth-and-development/62269.html>

preschoolers:

<http://fun.familyeducation.com/preschool/extracurricular-activities/33392.html>

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