

Offline Learning Activities

Reading/Language Arts

Write What You Notice

Materials: pen/pencil, paper



How do I help my child do this?

- ✓ Have your child think about what they see and hear; how they feel; what they notice
- ✓ Have them describe their experience in writing

Write a Letter

Materials: pen/pencil, paper, envelope



How do I help my child do this?

- ✓ Help your child practice how to write a formal letter to a friend, relative, or teacher, or consider a thank you letter to a health care professional
- ✓ Help your child address an envelope, attach a stamp, and put it in the mail

Family Book Club

Materials: a novel



How do I help my child do this?

- ✓ Read the same book that your child is reading (does not have to be at the same time)
- ✓ Have discussions about the book once a day; make predictions about what will happen; talk about something that surprised you

Alphabetize Household Items

Materials: suggestions: spices, books

How do I help my child do this?

- ✓ Have your child alphabetize the spices in your cabinet or the books on your shelf



Math

Measure Around the House

Materials: measuring tape, ruler, measuring cups/spoons, pen/pencil, paper

How do I help my child do this?



- ✓ Identify the perimeter and/or area of your home
- ✓ Measure while baking; determine how many teaspoons fit in a tablespoon, or cups in a gallon



Counting Stairs



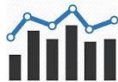
Materials: stairs (if you have them)

How do I help my child do this?

- ✓ Count the stairs by 1s going up
- ✓ Count the stairs by 2s going down
- ✓ Count the stairs by 3s going up again
- ✓ Count the stairs by 4s going down again

Graph Numbers of Objects

Materials: pen/pencil, paper, graph paper (if available)



How do I help my child do this?

- ✓ Count the number of birds, cars, etc. you can see from the window
- ✓ Track the types/colors of birds, cars, etc.
- ✓ Make a graph to show how many of each type of object you saw in the time period you observed

Determining Time

Materials: clock (digital or analog)



How do I help my child do this?

- ✓ Set a clock 3 hours ahead
- ✓ Anytime someone asks the time, have your child do subtraction to determine the time

Social Studies

Map Your Travels

Materials: map of the U.S. or world

How do I help my child do this?



- ✓ Color in all of the states or countries you have visited
- ✓ Use a different color to fill in the states or countries you want to visit
- ✓ If you have a computer, look up information about the state or country that you want to visit

Our Family History

Materials: pen/pencil, paper, audio recorder (optional)



How do I help my child do this?

- ✓ Have your child identify questions to ask and then interview you or another family member
- ✓ Language Arts extension: write the family history down and make it into a book

Map My Neighborhood

Materials: pen/pencil, paper, markers, ruler (optional)



How do I help my child do this?

- ✓ Have your child draw a map of your neighborhood, including roads and landmarks
- ✓ Include a map legend
- ✓ Math extension: make a map key to measure distances between locations

Fly Your Flag

Materials: pen/pencil, paper, markers, tape, other craft materials



How do I help my child do this?

- ✓ Talk about symbols that can be used to represent a person or ideas
- ✓ Have your child create a flag that tells "all about me"

Science

How Long Does It Take to Freeze?

Materials: small containers (e.g., paper cups), liquids (e.g., water, vinegar, oil), freezer



How do I help my child do this?

- ✓ Make predictions about how long it will take for each liquid to freeze
- ✓ Test it out and freeze the liquids
- ✓ See if your predictions were correct

Paper Airplane Races

Materials: Paper

How do I help my child do this?

- ✓ Fold 3 different types of paper airplanes
- ✓ See which one flies the farthest
- ✓ Try to determine what makes one paper airplane fly farther than the others



What's the Difference in Volume?

Materials: water, 10 waterproof containers of different sizes

How do I help my child do this?

- ✓ Pour water into a medium-sized container
- ✓ Pour that water into the other containers and see if the containers can hold that much water or more water
- ✓ Sort the containers in order from largest volume to smallest volume



World Language

Learn a New Language

Materials: telephone, someone who speaks a different language



How do I help my child do this?

- ✓ Have your child call a friend or relative who speaks a different language than you do
- ✓ Have your child ask that person to teach 10 common words in that person's language
- ✓ Practice those 10 new words with your child