



Activities for Toddler Children

May 4-8, 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p align="center">Egg Carton Blocks</p> <p><u>Materials:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 egg cartons • Glue or tape • Crayon/markers/paint (optional) <p><u>Directions:</u> Cut the egg carton into sections (see picture below). You may use glue or tape to keep the egg carton sections closed. Together with your child, paint the outsides of each egg carton with one solid color. Set the egg cartons aside to dry. Encourage your child to stack the blocks and see how many ways they can be arranged and balanced before they fall down.</p> 	<p align="center">Threading Cardboard Beads</p> <p><u>Materials:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardboard toilet paper or paper towel rolls • Thick string (can also use shoelace) <p><u>Directions:</u> Begin by cutting each cardboard roll so it creates a circular bead. To help keep the beads from falling off the string, poke a small hole in the cardboard bead and knot one end of the string through it. This threading activity challenges the child's fine motor skills as they practice manipulating the small muscles in their hands to get the thread through the beads.</p> <p>You can also roll coloured paper to make the beads and help your child learn colours and patterns.</p> 	<p align="center">Number Match</p> <p><u>Materials:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Markers • 5-10 container lids (different sizes and colours) • Large piece of paper or cardboard <p><u>Directions:</u> Gather your container lids and trace each one on the paper. If the lids are various colours, remember to colour in the lid shape on your paper to match. On the top of each lid write a number starting from 1, and write the same number on the corresponding lid shape on the piece of paper for each lid. Give your child the lids and have them match the lid to the same one on the cardboard box.</p> <p>Talk about numbers and how they are the same or different.</p> 	<p align="center">Homemade Crayons</p> <p><u>Materials:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crayons • Microwave safe silicone muffin tin • Microwave • Oven mitts <p><u>Directions:</u> Start by peeling any paper off the crayons. You can also use old or broken pieces of crayons. Your child can put the broken pieces of crayons into the muffin tins. Label the colours as your child puts it two or three crayon pieces into each section. Place the muffin tin in the microwave on high for 2 minutes, stopping every 30 seconds to see if the crayons have fully melted. Please remember all times will vary depending on the microwave. Once they are melted, use the oven mitt to remove the muffin tin from the microwave. Let the crayons cool down and harden; then remove them from the tray. Now your child can draw pictures with their own homemade multi coloured crayons.</p> 	<p align="center">Feed the Monster</p> <p><u>Materials:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tin foil crumpled into balls* • Empty water bottles (or recyclable containers) • Tape and markers used for decorating <p><u>Directions:</u> Cut out a hole into the water bottle in the shape of a mouth. Tape the edge of the hole for the mouth. Glue on the eyes or draw with markers. Show your child how to <i>feed</i> the hungry monster by trying to throw the balls into the mouth. Together, count how many balls the monster ate and use words like "throw", "hungry", "full", and "all done".</p> 

**While we make every effort to create safe and engaging activities for children, please be mindful of the type and size of materials you provide your child.*

Supervision is still required for all the activities and children should not be left unattended during these activities.