

Here are some fun things you can do while we are out of school:

- Go for a **walk and play** “I Spy” - I spy something green/ something that starts with “M” / something that is a circle, etc.
- Talk a “**letter walk**” and find things that start with certain letters (i.e. “only things that start with L”) or read the numbers you see on houses/mailboxes
- **Go out to a park** - maybe not the playground, but go kick the soccer ball around and practice kicking or throwing a ball to each other. How many times can you pass it back and forth?
- **Practice hopping, skipping and jumping.** Can you make a pattern? Jumping jacks? How many can you do in a row?
- Use **recyclables** and tape to build - **maybe a Leprechaun trap**, a building, a spaceship, a racetrack to put cars down the stairs, what else can you think of? Let your child tell you the story about the structure. If you have time, write it down to put next to the work.
- **Read a book with your family.** See if you can retell the story to one of your stuffed animals. Use the book to show your stuffed animal pictures as you retell the story to them.
- **Sorting** - mix up items and let your child sort using a muffin tin or small bowls (legos by color or size, beans, dried pasta, what else do you have at home?)
- **Puzzle hunt** - Hide some or all pieces around a room and let your child find them to complete the puzzle.
- **Mazes / Dot to Dots** - there are lots of free, printable mazes and dot to dots available online. These are great for number recognition, fine motor and motor planning. <http://www.busybeekidsprintables.com/> has a many printable activities like mazes and dot to dots for a variety of different levels but there are others out there as well.
- **Storytelling** - Fold printer paper in half (three or four pages) and let your child illustrate the pages. When he/she is finished, you can take dictation to write the story.

- **Building** - Use plastic cups to build a tower. How tall can it go? How many cups did you use? You can also have your child build with cans and other unopened food items in your pantry. Then have them organize it all back for you in the pantry.
- **Build a tower** out of uncooked spaghetti noodles and marshmallows. How tall can you make it?
- **Build** with **recycled materials** from your recycle bin.
- **Make a card for someone you love.** Draw them a picture and write your name.
- Play with a **deck of cards**. Sort the cards or play “Top It” which is just like playing “war” but just a better name for the game. Divide cards into 2 equal stacks. Each person takes a turn flipping the card and the highest number ‘wins’ or ‘tops’ and the player will keep both cards. The person with the most cards at the end wins.
- **Make Playdough** - Here is the recipe:
 - 1 cup flour
 - 3/4 cup water
 - 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
 - 1/3 cup of salt 1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
 - food coloring

Mix together all the ingredients in a 2 quart sauce pan. Cook over low/medium heat, stirring. Continue stirring until the mixture is thick and begins to gather around the spoon, keep stirring! The mixture will begin to look and feel like play-dough! Remove the dough onto wax paper or a paper plate to cool then knead the playdough.

- Roll the **playdough** out to make ropes and then form letters or numbers. Make sets of items, i.e. “Can you make 4 triangles?”
- **Games** - Tic Tac Toe, Simon Says, ???
- **Car Wash** - Create a car wash for toy vehicles using your sink! Just fill the sink up with soapy water, have a bowl or bucket of water to rinse with, and add a towel. You could also wash action figures, plastic dolls, etc. If the weather is good, you can have your child wash your vehicle outside as well!

- **Family Yoga** - You Tube has a channel called Yoga for Kids! It has a family friendly class that you might enjoy.
- **Fluffy Slime Recipe** - Kids love to play with slime!
 - 3-4 cups shaving cream
 - Food coloring
 - ½ cup glue
 - ½ tsp baking soda
 - 1 Tbsp. saline solutionMix all together!
- Easy Craft Stick Bridge Building Activity for Preschoolers
<https://pin.it/6KOapR5>
- STEM Jellybean Structures
<https://pin.it/59T9M6l>
- Painting Ice Cubes Activity
<https://pin.it/6W3uHBt>
- SHAVING CREAM + CORNSTARCH = FUN
<https://pin.it/3XwbZRR>
- Shaving Cream Blocks
<https://pin.it/5avB7iH>
- FROZEN SHAVING CREAM OCEAN SENSORY PLAY
<https://pin.it/OiIgeEj>
- **Homemade Slime Recipe (Just 2 Ingredients)**
<https://pin.it/7yh6AO9>

- **Do your kids love sensory play? Sensory fun with food offers an entirely new experience!**

<https://pin.it/5yuzjHh>

- **Moon Sand Recipe (2 ingredients)**

<https://pin.it/4Ex7GLD>

- **Ice Painting**

<https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/painting-with-ice/>

- **Frozen Pom Poms**

<https://pin.it/46Dzxhy>