

Science & Math

Bubbles, Rainbows and Worms: 372.3504 BROWN 2004 **Science Experiments for Preschool Children**

Bubbles, Rainbows and Worms teaches children about the world, using hands-on experiments about plants, the environment, air and water, and the senses.



Celebrate Nature!: 372.357 FISHBAU **Activities for Every Season**



This book is filled with hands-on activities to introduce or revive children's connections with nature. All seasons are represented and activities cover a variety of different areas of learning.

Cook School J 641.5 GRANT 2011

This wonderful book has a section specifically aimed at children ages 3-5. With plenty of step-by-step photographs for children to follow and easy, tasty and fun recipes that they will love to learn, this is an invaluable book for parents to help teach their kids practical kitchen skills that will remain useful throughout life.

Garden Fun: Indoors and Out; J635 CONGDON **In Pots and Small Spots**

Provides step-by-step instructions for 28 indoor or outdoor gardening adventures, including a salad garden window box, a spiral flower garden, and a butterfly paradise in a patio pot.



Mom and Me Cookbook: E641.5123 KARMEL 2005 **Have Fun in the Kitchen**



"Mom and Me Cookbook" teaches kids cooking basics, first recipes, and tasty and nutritious meal ideas. Children ages 3 and up can mix and prepare food that they will love to eat, ranging from sweet treats to simple family meals.

Salad People and More: J641.5636 KATZEN 2005 **Real Recipes: A New Cookbook for Preschoolers and Up**

Mollie Katzen presents kid-friendly vegetarian recipes that will inspire joyful kitchen adventures and food appreciation.

The Toddler Cookbook E641.5123 KARMEL

A collection of simple recipes, such as chicken satay skewers, cutout cookies, and homemade lemonade, that toddlers can make themselves or assist in preparing.



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Preschooler PLAY

A book list for parents
and other caregivers



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Fun & Learning

50 Fantastic Things to Do with Toddlers

372.21 FEATHER 2013

Explore, inquire and experiment alongside young learners using the 50 simple ideas offered in this engaging series. Activities for toddlers include singing, rhyming, painting and much more.

The Asperkid's Game Plan:

371.9 OTOOLE

Extraordinary Minds, Purposeful Play...Ordinary Stuff

Examines "the learning style of children with Asperger's syndrome and explains how to introduce structured play that engages Asperkids and explicitly addresses ASD weaknesses while exploiting ASD strengths." Parents of typically developing children will also find many enjoyable activities in this book.



Playful Learning:

155.4131 BRUEHL

Develop Your Child's Sense of Joy and Wonder

Playful learning is the magic that takes place when we meld a child's sense of joy and wonder with thoughtfully planned learning experiences.

Read! Move! Learn!

372.21 HAMMETT

Active Stories for Active Learning

Hundreds of play ideas with a listing of the skills that are developed through the play. Also connects books, music and vocabulary to each activity.



Siblings Busy Book

790.1922 KEMPSKI 2008

This book offers parents and teachers unique and simple ways to stimulate and entertain multiage children, from babies and toddlers to preschoolers and school-age kids. The "Siblings Busy Book" is based on the idea that siblings who play together form strong relationships that will last a lifetime.

Tinkerlab: A Hands-On Guide for Little Inventors

600 DOORLEY 2014



This book is about helping parents and teachers of babies, toddlers, and preschoolers understand and tap into children's natural curiosity and wonder with engaging, kid-tested, easy-to-implement projects that value process over product.

Play

365 Games Toddlers Play:

649.55 ELLISON

Creative Time to Imagine, Grow and Learn

This very simple book provides 365 games to play with your toddler.

Child's Play: Montessori Games

649.5 PITAMIC 2009

and Activities for Your Baby and Toddler



Divided into six chapters, the book explores the development of the senses, coordination, art, movement, language and nature. The activities are simple to set up and follow, and they require no specialized knowledge or materials.

Imagine Childhood: Exploring the World

790.1922 OLMSTED

Through Nature, Imagination and Play

The 25 projects and activities in this book are meant to speak to the way children engage with the world.

Recipes for Play: Creative Activities

649.51 SUMNER

for Small Hands and Big Imaginations



This book contains many recipes for play materials, plus ideas for introducing color, texture, mixing, painting and playing.

Unplugged Play:

790.1922 CONNER 2007

No Batteries. No Plugs. Pure Fun.

A parent-friendly encyclopedia, "Unplugged Play" ("A wonderful guide," says Daniel Goleman) offers hundreds and hundreds of battery-free, screen-free, chirp-and-beep-free games and fun variations that stretch the imagination, spark creativity, building strong bodies, and forge deep friendships...and keep kids busy at the table while mom or dad makes dinner.



Wonderplay Too! Games, Crafts,

793.0192 REITZES 2007

and Creative Activities for 3-6 Year Olds



This collection of activities was created by the 92nd Street YMCA in NYC. It offers more than 200 games, craft projects, and cooking, music and dance activities for kids ages 3-6.

Arts & Crafts



Art Lab for Little Kids

372.5044 SCHWAKE

This is the perfect book for parents of 4-6 year olds who are looking for art activities in a variety of mediums.

The Artful Parent: Simple Ways

745.5083 VAN'T H

to Fill Your Family's Life with Art and Creativity

This book has all the tools and information needed to encourage your children's creativity through art.

Crafts with Kids:

745.5083 JOHNS 2010

Over 40 Fun and Fabulous Projects

Full of exciting projects for parents and children to work on together, it is aimed at children between the ages of 4 and 10 and will appeal to both boys and girls (most projects are unisex).



First Art: for Toddlers and Twos:

372.5044 KOHL 2012

Open-Ended Art Experiences to Start Toddlers and Twos on a Journey Full of Exploration and Creativity!



In this updated, color edition of "First Art," you will find more than 75 art experiences, with lots of variations that add to the fun and tips for making the activities run smoothly.

A Little Bit of Dirt: 55 Science and Art

796.083 CITRO

Activities to Reconnect Children with Nature

The engaging activities in this book encourage the use of the senses, creativity, and imagination and are perfect for all ages. Discover more about the natural world waiting just outside your door!

Martha Stewart's Favorite Crafts for Kids:

745.5 MARTHA

175 Projects for Kids of All Ages to Create, Build, Design, Explore, and Share

A guide for crafty kids and their parents mixes a family-friendly design with a treasure trove of creative and educational projects that parents and their kids, aged 3 to 12, can create together.

