

Curriculum for Pre-K: Creations and Innovations

Take Home Opportunities

A sampling of learning experiences, in addition to the Discoveries-to-Go, that provide ways to engage families and connect them to what children are learning.

Skill and Concept Focus

An easy way to see a sample of learning experiences that focus on colors, shapes, numbers, and/or letters.

Subtopic 1: Some Things Move

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Signs	12
Fly a Kite	16
Dancing Strings	16
Moving Mobiles	17
Splat!	17

Skill and Concept Focus

Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
Signs	12				
The Way It Moves	13				
Pinwheels	16				
Fly a Kite	16				
Move It, Move It	19				
How Could We Move?	20				

Subtopic 2: Some Things Make Work Easier and Play More Fun

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Trace and Label	24
Punch It Out	28
Creating Art	28
Around the Clock	30
Pictures Make Stories	33

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Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
Hello, Hello	25				
Fascinating Fastening	26				
Punch It Out	28				
Creating Art	28				
Spots and Dots	29				
Around the Clock	30				

Subtopic 3: Some Things Make Sound and Communicate

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Learning Experience	Page Number
I Can Read the World	36
Natural Sounds	38
Sounds of Nature	39
Rainsticks	40
Chimes	40

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Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
I Can Read the World	36				
Songwriters	37				
Matching Sounds	38				
Sound Bingo	39				
Picture It!	41				
Hunk of Tin	43				

Subtopic 4: Some Things Decorate Our World

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Party Time!	48
Book of Paintings	49
A Decorated World	50
Soap Sculptures	51
Stencil Painting	52

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Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
Personalize It!	48				
I Wish I . . .	49				
Paint for My Room	49				
Book of Paintings	49				
A Decorated World	50				
The Color of Feelings	57				

Expanded Interest Area Ideas

Carpenter's Workshop – Create curiosity by filling an area with nuts, bolts, golf tees, large screws, rubber mallets, hammers, screwdrivers and pieces of wood. (Tools I Could Use, p. 26; Build It Easier, p. 27; Pull Together, p. 32; Dollhouse, p. 52)

Transportation – Enhance an area of your room with toy vehicles (cars, dump trucks, fire engines, boats, planes, etc.). You may also want to include hats and dress-up clothes for children to explore the many types of transportation and the people who operate them. (Signs, p. 12; The Way it Moves, p. 13; How They Move, p. 14; Right on Track, p. 15)