



30 **Monday:** Go on a spy hunt! Tape diagonally between walls down a hallway, stick pom poms to it randomly. Have the kids crawl through, over and under, to collect the pom poms.

*painter's tape
pom poms / cotton balls*

31 **Tuesday:** Finger paint!

*paint
paper
baking sheet or tray
(optional)*

1 **Wednesday:** Write random pairs of letters (not by each other) on a long sheet of paper. Draw a line to connect the letter pairs.

*butcher or art paper
marker*

2 **Thursday:** Make a homemade balance beam using old boards. Then walk along it! Can you do it backwards?

old boards or books

3 **Friday:** Draw your family portrait with sidewalk chalk on the sidewalk or driveway.

*sidewalk
sidewalk chalk*

4/5 **Over the Weekend:** Observe your child this weekend and fill out a 'My Child' for each of your kids.

*Click here to download the My Child sheet, or go to:
<http://room.handsonaswegrow.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/My-Child-sheet.pdf>*

THIS MONTH'S THEME: Getting to know your child.



Go on a Spy Hunt

Supplies:

*painter's tape
pom poms or cotton balls*

1

Stick several strips of painter's tape diagonally between the walls along a hallway.

2

Stick pom poms to the tape in random places.

3

Crawl under, over, or through, the tape to collect the pom poms.



Tips:

The tape may need reinforcing to stick to the walls. Tape across it with another piece of tape.

With multiple kids, you can make it a race to see who can collect the most pom poms.

Or only use one color per child to find their own color of pom pom as they sneak through the hallway.



Finger Painting

Supplies:

paint

paper

baking sheet or tray (optional)

1

Tape paper to a baking sheet.

2

Squirt different colors of paint on the baking sheet.

3

Let your child explore the paint with their fingers to make their own masterpiece!



Tips:

This is a fantastic sensory experience and kids may very well end up with arms and face covered in paint. I recommend Crayola Washable Paints for easy cleanup.

Use only primary colors or paint and challenge older kids to make new colors with their fingers.

Challenge older kids to write their name or make a simple drawing with a pencil and then use their finger to trace it with paint, or make dots with their finger to fill it in.



Connect the Letters

Supplies:

*butcher or art paper
marker*

1

On a large sheet of butcher paper, write random pairs of letters (not by each other).

2

Have your child start with a letter, find its match and draw a line connecting the two.

3

Repeat to connect all the letters.



Tips:

This is a twist on connect the dots. There is no need to make a straight line between the pair of letters. Let it be squiggly.

Use washable markers in case they go off the paper.

For younger kids, just make dots for them to connect randomly.

Be sure to narrate what letters they're matching up. "You found the letter A, can you find the other letter A that matches it?"



Balance Beam

Supplies:

old boards or books

1

Gather some spare boards, or even books you have in the house.

2

Have your child line them up, end to end to form a line.

3

Now they can walk across their newly built balance beam!



Tips:

If you don't have boards, you can also do this with just some simple lines of tape.

Allowing your child to build the balance beam himself is a great confidence booster!

Add difficulty by walking backwards, or sliding sideways.