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Monday: Collect a pail of dirt and add water to it to make mud paint. Use a paintbrush to paint a canvas or the sidewalk.

*dirt
water
bucket
paintbrush
paper (optional)*

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Tuesday: Write numbers in a line on the sidewalk. Go on a hunt to find an X number of leaves of a certain type and place by the corresponding number.

*chalk
leaves*

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Wednesday: Clip clothespins (slotted style is easier for younger kids) onto the edge of a bucket.

*clothespins
tub or bucket*

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Thursday: Use a tub of soapy water to wash favorite toys.

*tub or bucket
sponge or toothbrush
water
dish soap
toys*

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Friday: Go for a drive and let your child navigate the way.

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Over the Weekend: Get to know your child through an interview! Ask them questions and jot down their answers.

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

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



Mud Painting

Supplies:

- dirt*
- water*
- bucket*
- paintbrush*
- paper (optional)*

1

Collect a pail of dirt and add water to it to make a thin consistency of mud.

2

Use a paintbrush to paint the mud on a canvas or the sidewalk.

3

Wash it off with a hose!



Tips:

Prop up paper on a piece of cardboard like an easel to make this interesting.

Let little kids just paint the sidewalk and make lines.

Older kids can compare thicknesses of the mud, see it drip when its thin, or is it harder to spread when the mud is thick?



Leaf Counting Hunt

Supplies:

- chalk
- leaves

1

Write numbers in a line on the sidewalk.

2

Go on a hunt in the yard to find one leaf for the number one. And then two leaves for the numbers two, and so on.

3

Place each set of leaves by the corresponding number.



Tips:

You can also make this a hunt for leaves that X number of points.

Help younger kids count the leaves as they find them, and then again as they place them by the number.

Older kids can work together with younger kids to tell them how many they need of a type of leaf.



Clipping Clothespins

Supplies:

*clothespins
tub or bucket
paper (optional)*

1

Grab a bucket and some clothespins.

2

Pinch the clothespins and clip to the top edge of the bucket.

3

Pinch them again to remove!



Tips:

Older kids can clip paper in the clothespin on the outside edge of the bucket (shown in the above photo).

If your child is struggling to pinch the clothespins, you can put them on the bucket and she can remove them.

Slotted clothespins make it easier for toddlers to do. No pinching, but still fantastic fine motor control.



Toy Wash

Supplies:

- tub or bucket
- sponge or toothbrush
- water
- dish soap
- toys

1

Mix up a batch of soapy water in a tub or bucket.

2

Have your child collect some of their favorite, most used, toys (that are hard).

3

Clean those toys with a sponge or toothbrush!



Tips:

For less mess, take this outside or lay out a shower curtain or large towel.

This can be done with both big and little toys! The big toys will probably just not fit in the tub!

Add a toothbrush to the toy wash for details cleaning (and fine motor control)!