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Monday: Make a nature suncatcher. Cut the centers out of paper plates. Cover with clear contact paper. Fill with found objects from nature.

*paper plates
clear contact paper
scissors
objects from nature*



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Tuesday: Set out paper of different colors. Write the name of the color at the top. Tear up scraps of the paper in the same color hues. Then glue scraps onto corresponding papers.

*colored paper
scraps of colored paper
school glue*



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Wednesday: Draw a target on the driveway or sidewalk in chalk. Make, or gather, mud to throw at the target.

*sidewalk
sidewalk chalk
mud or dirt & water*



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Thursday: Practice pouring water from a pitcher into cups. Take it outside!

*plastic or paper cups
water
pitcher*



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Friday: Go on a family bike ride to the park to play.



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Over the Weekend: Find out what your child(ren)'s favorite meal is and make it together.

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



Nature Suncatcher

Supplies:

*paper plates
clear contact paper
objects from nature*

1

Cut the center out of a paper plate. Follow along the 'rim' of the base of the plate.

2

Cut a piece of contact paper to cover the hole. Remove backing and stick contact paper to the back side of the paper plate (so that the sticky side is up when the plate is set on a table).

3

Cover the sticky contact paper with pieces of nature. Hang in the window to display!



Tips:

If you don't have contact paper, you can use wax paper and glue.

Sometimes nature just doesn't cooperate with us, so feel free to cut shapes out of paper or tissue paper (could even make your own leaves and flowers!)

When they're done, staple a ribbon or string to it and hang in your favorite window!



Create a Color Collage

Supplies:

- colored paper*
- scraps of colored paper*
- school glue*

1

Set out 2 or 3 different colors of papers. Write the name of the color on the top.

2

Tear up scraps or paper in each of the same colors.

3

Glue the scraps on the corresponding colored papers to make a collage.



Tips:

The scraps of papers do not have to be exactly the same color. They can have different shades of the same color.

For older kids, make it a lesson in mixing colors. Use secondary colors as your main paper (green, purple, and orange) and glue primary colors that blend together to make that color.

Kids can join in on tearing the paper into scraps! Kids can really get into that part. Sometimes they don't though, and that's okay.



Mud Target Practice

Supplies:

- sidewalk or pavement*
- sidewalk chalk*
- mud or dirt and water*

1

Draw a target on the sidewalk with sidewalk chalk. Write numbers in each circle, if desired.

2

Make mud! Gather some dirt and mix in some water to make a bucket of mud.

3

Scoop up a handful of mud and throw it at the target to score!



Tips:

Yes, let the kids get dirty! Making the mud is half the fun!

The numbers of the target can be completely arbitrary, but still fun for younger kids.

Older kids can add up their points, or 'aim' to get a certain number. Can they make 50 points with 5 throws?



Practice Pouring

Supplies:

*cups
water
pitcher*

1

Gather cups and a pitcher of water.

2

Let your child practice pouring the water from the pitcher into the cups.

3

Pour what made it into the cups back into the pitcher and repeat.



Tips:

Take this outside if at all possible! If not, do it in the bathtub or in the sink.

Expect young kids to spill, a lot. This takes a lot of control to slowly pour, and also to know when to pull up to stop.

This is great on a hot day and a fun way to cool off. It's also very fun for a toddler to get to be able to do such a grown up task.