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Monday: Trace canning lids on a piece of contact paper. Lay the contact paper out, sticky side up and stick nature objects in the circles. Top with another piece of contact paper and cut out. Push cut outs into canning jar lids and tie to a long stick, and hang.

*contact paper
canning jar lids
flowers/leaves/nature
yarn or other string
large stick*

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Tuesday: Have a water play day! Set out tubs of water with some scoops to transfer water back and forth. Add color to the water if you'd like.

*tubs or buckets
water
food coloring (optional)
scoops, spoons,
measuring cups, etc.*

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Wednesday: Experiment with milk and food coloring. Dip a cotton swab in dish soap and hold it in the milk. Watch it swirl!

*shallow dish
whole milk
food coloring
cotton swab (q-tip)
dish soap*

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Thursday: Mix some dish soap in with paint on a flat tray. Drive trucks through the paint and paint big by pushing them on the sidewalk!

*washable paint
dish soap
tray
toy trucks
sidewalk or pavement*

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Friday: Crank up the music and be an air band.

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Over the Weekend: Carve out a time to play a board game together this weekend.

THIS MONTH'S THEME: Finding time to do activities.



Nature Wind Chimes

Supplies:

- contact paper
- canning jar lids
- flowers/leaves/nature
- yarn or other string
- large stick

1

Trace canning jar lids onto a piece of contact paper. Remove sticky side and tape to a surface, sticky side up.

2

Stick piece of nature on contact paper to fill the circles. Add another piece of contact paper on top, and cut out the circles.

3

Push the cutouts into the canning jar lids to make suncatcher. Tie around the lids and tie the other end to a stick. Hang on the porch or patio to see!



Tips:

Go on a hunt to collect nature items, it can be an activity itself!

Toddlers can enjoy sticking the nature to the contact paper, but cutting out the circles will be best for adults, or older kids to do.

If the contact paper circles don't fit tightly in the canning jar lids, you can tape them in place.



Water Transfer

Supplies:

tubs or buckets

water

food coloring (optional)

scoops, spoons, measuring cups, etc

1

Fill two tubs with water. Add food coloring to each if you'd like.

2

Set out a third, empty container to dump the water into (and mix the colors).

3

Use scoops, spoons, measuring cups (etc) to transfer the water into the empty tub (and back again)!



Tips:

This is a great opportunity to introduce color mixing. Use only two primary colors (red, blue or yellow) to mix together.

Smaller scoops means more fine motor control used as well as more time to transfer the water!

Take this outside if possible. If it's not possible, set this up indoors with a tablecloth (or shower curtain or large towel) on the floor to catch spills.



Magic Milk Experiment

Supplies:

- shallow dish
- whole milk
- food coloring
- cotton swab (q-tip)
- dish soap

1

Pour whole milk into a shallow dish to generously cover the bottom.

2

Drop several drops of different colors of food coloring in the milk.

3

Dip a cotton swab in dish soap and stick it in the milk to watch it swirl around.



Tips:

The thicker the 'cream' the better. If you have cream, that works even better than whole milk. Skim milk won't work as good.

Try only two primary colors of food coloring to see what color it makes when they swirl together.

No Q-tip? Use anything with a small end (craft stick, pipe cleaner, pencil) or just drop a single drop of dish soap from the bottle.



Big Truck Painting

Supplies:

washable paint

dish soap

tray

toy trucks

sidewalk or pavement

1

Mix a dab of dish soap with paint on a flat tray.

2

Drive trucks through the paint on the tray to cover the wheels.

3

Push the trucks on the sidewalk to leave track marks!



Tips:

Make this even bigger by riding a bike!

Be sure to hose off the paint when you're finished to prevent staining. Washable paint and the dish soap make this easier.

No trucks? Walk through the paint with bare feet and leave your own tracks behind!