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Monday: Trace favorite toys on butcher paper. Put them away. Search for the toy that matches the outline!

*toys
marker
butcher or art paper*

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Tuesday: Stick craft sticks into a narrow neck bottle and shake them out again. Repeat!

*craft sticks
narrow neck bottle*

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Wednesday: Make an yarn monster by dipping various colors of yarn in glue and covering the bottom of a muffin tin, let dry. Glue on a googly eye. Hang in a window to enjoy!

*yarn
glue
water
muffin tin
bowl
scissors
googly eyes*

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Thursday: Cut various shapes (two or three of each) from paper. Hang just high enough out of reach in a doorway using yarn and tape. Jump and grab the matching shapes.

*paper
scissors
tape
yarn or string*

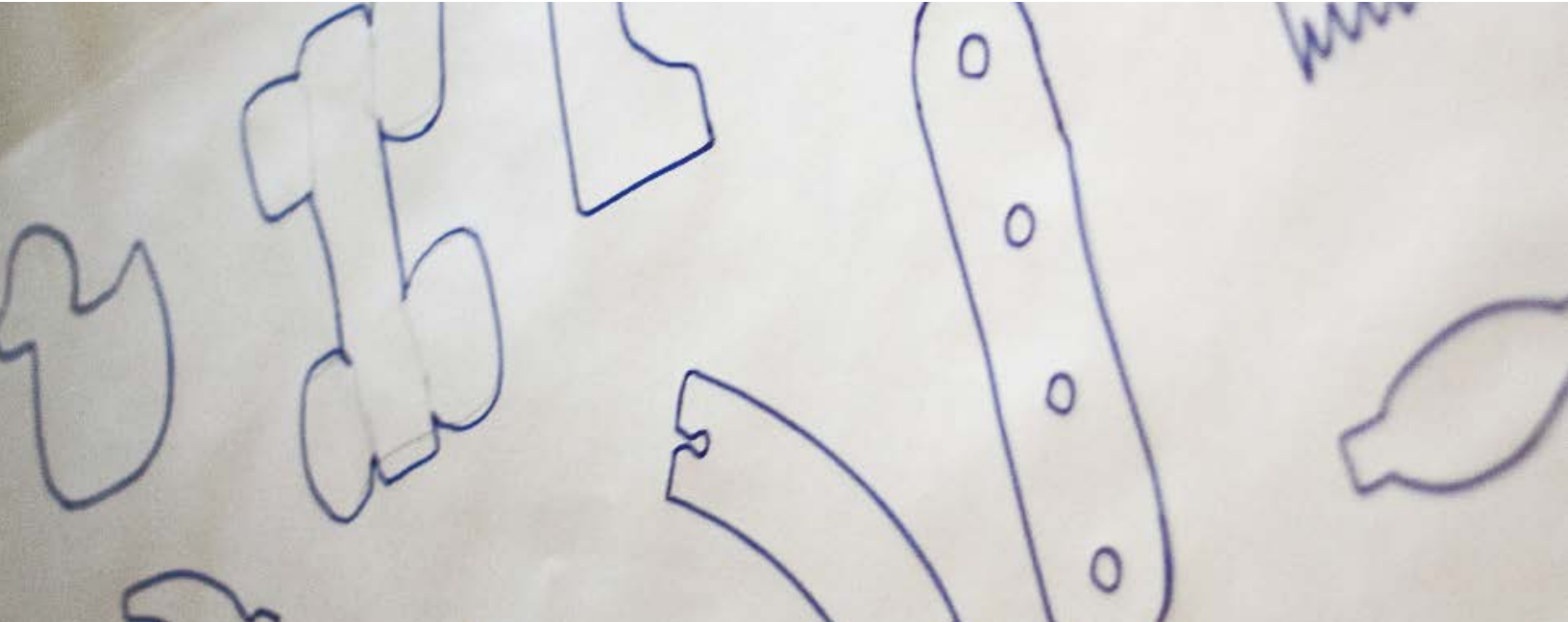
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Friday: Learn what every family member's favorite color is today.

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Over the Weekend: Try a messy activity but don't fret the mess. Make cleanup part of the fun! If the daunting task of cleaning up stops you in your tracks — Get the kids involved in cleanup! What can they do to help? Can they wash off the supplies? Can they vacuum it up?

THIS MONTH'S THEME: Learning to let go.



Outline Shape Hunt

Supplies:

- toys*
- marker*
- butcher or art paper*

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Collect and trace a few favorite toys on a large piece of butcher paper.

2

Put those toys away.

3

Have your child look at the shapes on the paper and search for the toy to match it!



Tips:

You may want to try different ways of holding the toy when you trace it, it may be the footprint, or you may want to try laying it on its side.

Instead of tracing the objects, do it with basic shapes. Draw a large square, triangle, and circle and see what toys you can find in those shapes.

Take this as a lesson in putting the toy back where they found it too when they're done. Have an older kid help draw the lines!



Craft Stick Poke

Supplies:

craft sticks

narrow neck bottle

1

Set out craft sticks and a narrow neck bottle.

2

Poke the craft sticks into the bottle.

3

Shake them out. Repeat!



Tips:

If you don't have a narrow neck bottle, or a bottle with a small hole, you can make one! Cut a small hole in the top of the lid.

Try not to let your child remove the lid, or use their fingers when shaking out. Can they manipulate the bottle to get the sticks out?

Other items you could use instead of craft sticks: pipe cleaners, plastic knives, or toothpicks!



Yarn Monsters

Supplies:

- yarn*
- glue*
- water*
- muffin tin*
- bowl*
- scissors*
- googly eyes*

1

Cut various lengths of yarn and stir into a mixture of glue and a tad bit of water in a large bowl.

2

Place yarn to lightly cover the bottom of each section of the muffin tin. Let dry overnight (or in the oven at the lowest temp).

3

Add a googly eye to each circle to make a monster.



Tips:

Be patient with them drying, it takes a long time.

Line muffin tin with wax paper for easier removal.

Hang them up in a window!



Shape Jump

Supplies:

- paper*
- scissors*
- tape*
- yarn or string*

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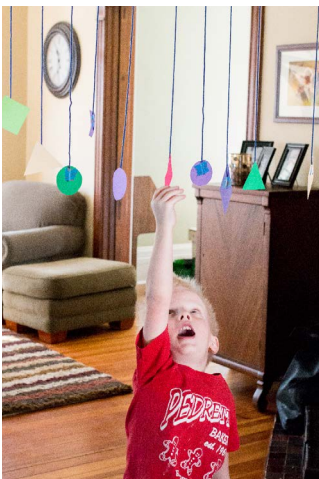
Cut two or three of a variety of shapes from paper.

2

Tape the shapes to a long string to hang from a doorway (with tape).

3

Jump and grab a shape to pull it down. Find the matching shape and jump and grab that one too!



Tips:

Have your child stand and raise their hand. Hang the shapes 'just' above that mark, not much higher. Preschoolers don't jump that high!

Not interested in doing shapes? Try colors, or write sight words, letters or numbers to jump and match!

Make it an obstacle course and put a variety of shapes in several doorways. Start at one door, grab a shape and go to the next door to find its match, and so on.