



- 24** **Monday:** Bunch pipe cleaners together to make 8 legs of a spider. Glue pom poms onto the center to make a body and face. Thread on beads to each leg. Hang it in a window!
*5 pipe cleaners
beads
pom poms
string
scissors*

- 25** **Tuesday:** Stand up various sizes of books in a domino line. Tip one! After they've tipped, walk across the uneven line of books.
books

- 26** **Wednesday:** Give kids a large bowl full of different types of paper and let the shredding begin.
various types of paper

- 27** **Thursday:** Make a path of a certain number on a long sheet of paper. Fill in a grid around it with other random numbers. Follow the number from beginning to end.
*butcher or art paper
marker or tape*

- 28** **Friday:** Carve or decorate pumpkins.

- 29/30** **Over the Weekend:** Don't do everything. Make plans for what's important to you and your family. Learn to say no to what you 'should' be doing, or what others think you should do. This is especially important with the holidays coming up.

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THIS MONTH'S THEME: Learning to let go.



Beaded Spider

Supplies:

- 5 pipe cleaners*
- beads*
- pom poms*
- string*
- scissors*

1

Take 4 pipe cleaners and lay them straight out, together. Wrap all four tightly in the center with another pipe cleaner to make 8 legs for a spider.

2

Glue 2-3 pom poms on the center, with a hot glue gun, to make a body and head/face.

3

Thread on beads to each leg and hang it in a window!



Tips:

Add a face to the spider with a marker, or stickers if you have them.

Older kids can bead the legs in a pattern (ABAB, ABCABC, etc)

Younger kids may need help by holding the pipe cleaner for them, and them sticking the bead on it.



Balancing Book Dominoes

Supplies:
books

1

Collect books in various sizes. Stand the books up on end (so they're slightly opened), in a line like dominoes.

2

Tip the first book and watch the domino effect.

3

Walk along the fallen books like a balance beam.



Tips:

Showing your child how dominoes work is an advanced skill. The space between books cannot be longer than the book is tall.

Straight lines of books will be easier than curving around the rooms.

This is a great way to utilize those developing balance skills, both with themselves and with the books.



Paper Shredding

Supplies:

various types of paper

1

Collect various types of paper, including tissue paper, newspaper, copy paper, construction paper, etc.

2

Set paper out to explore.

3

Tear paper into pieces.



Tips:

You may need to model ripping a few sheets to get your child started.

Older kids can be challenged to make a clean rip from one end of the paper to the other, making strips, or to draw a line to follow when ripping.

For younger kids, start with 1 inch strips of paper to make short rips across.



Follow the Number Maze

Supplies:

*butcher or art paper
marker or tape*

1

Make a path for a maze from beginning to end with a certain number on a long sheet of paper.

2

Fill in the grid around it with other random numbers.

3

Start with the number at the beginning and follow it through the maze by taping it as you go.



Tips:

Do it without tape and just draw a link through the maze.

You can do this with anything you're learning, letters, sight words, numbers, etc.

You can also do this on a chalkboard if you don't have the long sheet of paper.