

JUNE 2026

DIY Summer Learning

<i>Marvelous Math</i> MONDAY	<i>Terrific Science</i> TUESDAY	<i>Writing and Reading</i> WEDNESDAY	<i>Thinking Skills</i> THURSDAY	<i>Fun Physical Development</i> FRIDAY
1 Using some of your child's shoes, ask your child to guess how many "shoes" tall they are. Then have them lie down and measure their height using the shoes to check the estimate. <i>GELDS: MA7</i>	2 Help your child explore the properties of soil and water by creating DIY sensory bins. Use 2 large plastic containers. Fill one with sand and one with water. Bury things in the sand for your child to find. <i>GELDS: SC2 and PDM</i>	3 Read <i>Natsumi's Song of Summer</i> by Robert Paul Weston, <i>It Began with Lemonade</i> by Gideon Sterer, or any other book about summer. Have your child draw a picture of their favorite part of story. <i>GELDS: CLL5</i>	4 Have a contest with your child to see who can build the tallest tower using blocks. When the blocks tumble, discuss cause and effect. <i>GELDS: CP3 and APL3</i>	5 Make up silly relay races. Have your child hop on one foot, walk backward, gallop like a horse, skip—the more ridiculous the challenge, the better. <i>GELDS: PDM3</i>
8 Ask your child to sort their toys from smallest to largest and then sort them by color. <i>GELDS: MA4</i>	9 Read <i>The Rainy Day</i> by Ann Milbourne, <i>The Wind Blew</i> by Pat Hutchins or any book about weather and/or the environment. <i>GELDS: SC2 and SC5</i>	10 Make paper bag puppets, decorate them with glitter, yarn and other creative items. You and your child can use them to act out a favorite book or story. <i>GELDS: CLL2</i>	11 Set up a scavenger hunt in the backyard or local park. Give your child simple maps or picture clues for extra fun. <i>GELDS: CP2 and APL1</i>	12 Assist your child with a car wash outside for their toys, bikes, wagon, etc. <i>GELDS: PDM1 and PDM5</i>
15 Help your child make a color pattern. Cut up construction paper into squares. Start with a two-color pattern (red, blue, red, blue). Then, add more colors for a challenge. <i>GELDS: MA4</i>	16 Help your child plant a bean seed in a clear plastic cup and watch it grow. Talk about changes and life cycle. <i>GELDS: SC3</i>	17 Paint the sidewalk with water. Help your child draw letters and shapes. You can use sponges or large paintbrushes. See how fast the sun makes your art and writing disappear. <i>GELDS: CLL7 and CLL9</i>	18 Have your child arrange pictures in a sequence, such as photos of her at different ages (e.g., baby, toddler, preschooler). You could do the same with pictures of other family members. <i>GELDS: CP2</i>	19 Practice lacing and tying shoes to work on fine motor skills. You can also string large pieces of pasta or macaroni on a piece of yarn to create a necklace. <i>GELDS: PDM4</i>
22 Turn your empty cereal box into a puzzle. Cut out the front of a cereal box and then cut into four to five pieces. Help your child put the "puzzle" together. <i>GELDS: MA3</i>	23 Create "Rainbow Bread" with your child. Mix food color in little cups of milk. Use a clean, new paintbrush to paint bread with different colors. Toast the bread in the toaster oven and eat. <i>GELDS: SC1</i>	24 Using the first letter of your child's name, go through the house and find things that start with that letter. <i>GELDS: CLL6</i>	25 Gather different objects. Fill a bucket, bathtub or kitchen sink with water and have your child guess which objects will float and which will sink. <i>GELDS: CP3</i>	26 Go on a Nature walk or Scavenger hunt in your neighborhood or at a park. Take big steps, baby steps, or little hops as you go! <i>GELDS: CD-SCI.4a</i>
29 Help your child find 5 items to measure. Use paper clips or pennies as a non-standard unit of measure to determine the length of the items. Ask, "How many clips long is it? Which is the longest? Shortest?" <i>GELDS: MA3</i>	30 Create paper airplanes, experimenting with folds, tears, and paperclip weights that can affect flight. Try flying the planes off of tall equipment or near an outdoor fan. <i>SC4.4b</i>	<p>The Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards (GELDS) help teachers and families understand what children from birth to age five should know and be able to do.</p> <p>www.gelds.decal.ga.gov</p>		Download the CDC's Milestone Tracker app for a fun & easy way to track and celebrate your child's developmental milestones! 

