










Getting Ready For SUMMER!

Your child is learning new information and gaining new skills every day in different ways. With summer approaching, we are sharing some activities that the entire family will enjoy. These activities will also help your child practice the skills taught in HIPPIY. The suggestions below are just the beginning!

BUBBLE-ICIOUS MAGIC AND MORE!

An educational and fun experience! Try making these bubble recipes together. Be sure that your child knows how to blow out by practicing with their mouth on one end of a straw and their hand near the other end. Ask if they can feel the air on their hand when blowing through the straw.



Bubbles Mix # 1	Bubbles Mix #2
 ¼ cup liquid dishwashing detergent	 6 cups water
 2 cups water	 2 cups Joy or Dawn dishwashing liquid
 1 teaspoon sugar	 ¾ cup corn syrup
 few drops of food coloring (optional)	



Ideas:

- Spread some bubbles on a table or in a pan. Using a wet straw, ask your child to blow the bubbles on the table. Can your child blow bubbles inside bubbles or on top of other bubbles?
- Make different kinds of blowers.
 - **Paper Cup Blower:** Poke several holes in the bottom of a paper cup. Dip the rim into the bubble solution. Blow hard into the cup and watch the bubbles appear.
 - **Many Straw Blower:** Tape four or five plastic straws together. Dip one end of the straws into the solution and blow through the other end of the straws.
 - **Coat Hanger Bubble Wand:** Untwist a wire coat hanger. Shape it into a circular wand. Twist the wires in place. Leave about four inches of wire straight to use as a handle. Dip into a shallow pan of solution and blow a giant bubble or wave the wand through the air.
 - **Household Items:** Check the kitchen drawer and experiment with different gadgets. What works? What doesn't? Think about funnels, frozen juice cans with the ends removed, melon scoops, and cut out egg cartons.
- Dip the wand into the bubble solution and wave the wand fast. Ask questions. What happens when the bubbles touch a solid surface (table, person, tree)? What shape are the bubbles? How far up do you think the bubbles will go? What happens if the bubble gets too big? What color are the bubbles if you make them outside in the sun?

MAKING MATH COUNT

Math Bath

Turn bath time into math time, and it's not messy! **You'll need:**

- Different size plastic containers
- Funnels
- Measuring cups and spoons.
- Help your child count how many cups/spoons it takes to fill a container. How long does it take for the funnel to empty?
- Try cutting bath sponges into different shapes for fun washing!



Laundry Games

Have fun, learn math, and finish chores too!

Let your child help sort the laundry. **Ideas:**

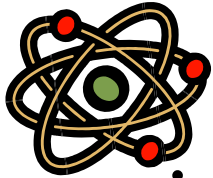
- Find matching socks.
- Compare big and small socks.
- Compare different patterns on socks.
- Sort shirts by color and size.
- Count how many you have of each color and size.

Try your local library for more math fun:

Ten Black Dots, by Donald Crews

Big and Small, by Samantha Berger

My First Look at Sizes, by Brian Wildsmith



SCIEN-TEERR-IFIC FUN!

The Magic Bottle

- Fill clear, empty plastic bottles with cooking oil, water, and different color food coloring.
- Put the cap on. What does your child see? Where is the water? Oil? Colors? What colors do they see?
- Have your child shake them, roll them, turn them upside down. What happens now?
- Try adding glitter or rice to the bottle and see what happens.



Jumping Raisins

You will need:

- Club soda
- 5 small fresh, moist raisins
- Small buttons
- Unpopped corn
- Salted peanuts
- Clear drinking glass
- Teaspoon
- Baking soda
- Salt



Directions:

- 1) Fill the glass $\frac{3}{4}$ full of club soda
- 2) Drop in 5 raisins
- 3) Wait and watch the raisins float to the surface and then sink to the bottom of the glass. They will do this over and over again.
- 4) Drop in a few buttons, popcorn, or peanuts. Sprinkle a pinch of baking soda into the glass. Watch.
- 5) Pour about 2 teaspoons of baking soda into the glass and stir. What happens now?
- 6) Sprinkle some salt into the glass. Watch what happens.
- 7) Leave the glass alone for 5 minutes. Now take a look. *

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Summer is a perfect time to borrow books from the library, re-read your HIPPY books, attend library story hours, and read together in a cool spot.

Don't forget all those HIPPY Enrichment Activities!!! This is the perfect time to use them and extend the HIPPY experience!

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN-FILLED SUMMER!