

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Practice making patterns: AB patterns are the most simple (use the attached document to print out color and shape cards or use common household objects – fork/spoon, sock/shoe, crayon/pencil, Lego blocks or other different colored items). Extend this activity by trying ABB, AAB, AABB, or ABC patterns. Or by using movements for patterns (clap, pat legs / touch head, touch head, touch toes/ etc.)
- Focus on color and or shape identification while listening to directions by playing I-Spy and identifying objects around the house by color or shape.
- Go on a shape hunt around the house – see how many object you can find that are shaped like a circle, or rectangle, or square, or triangle.
- Sorting items can be a great way to get help around the house: sort silverware in the silverware drawer; sort laundry by color, item (shirts, pants, socks, etc.), or size (big socks, small socks/ big shirts, small shirts, etc.); food items (boxes, cans / goldfish crackers, fruity Cheerios, or Fruit Loops by different colors, etc.)
- Write the numbers 1-10 on an index card or a small piece of paper and practice putting the numbers in order (they could also practice tracing these numbers, so that they made their own cards). Extend this activity by using blocks to stack the right number of blocks on each number.
- Sometimes when we talk about particular words in class like the month, or the day of the week, or things like hibernation, or foods – like watermelon, broccoli, or banana, we will clap out the sounds (one clap for each syllable e.g. Wa-ter-mel-on / Ba-na-na / march) to focus on phonological awareness, using all the sounds is

words, and eventually using those skills for rhyming and segmenting words when learning to read. Pick a few words each day when going about daily activities (refrigerator, laundry, breakfast, etc.)

## EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES / RESOURCES:

- Khanacademykids.org (or khan academy kids app for tablet or phone). I'm trying to set up a teacher site with student user names, but it is **free** and you can just set up an account and start using it. Some targeted activities include matching, following directions, counting, colors, sorting
- ABCya.com – **free** website with fun activities for letter identification practice including Alphabet Bingo, Alphabet Bubble
- ABC mouse songs (available on YouTube and Comcast education) 2-3 minute videos including educational songs: Sing the Alphabet/Backwards Alphabet Song, Alphabet songs for each of the letters of the Alphabet – recommended listening for the weekly letter (week of 3/16 Z, week of 3/23 W, week of 3/30 J), The Colors Song/Look at all the Colors I can See, The Shapes Song, Count by Ten, Ten in the Bed, Five Little Monkeys, A Week is 7 Days; and movement related sing alongs: Wheels on the Bus, Head-Shoulders, Happy & You Know It, and Itsy Bitsy Spider
- Scholastic.com/Learn at home (username: Learning20 / password: Clifford): Stories read to you on a computer or tablet (available until 4/20th)
- Vroom app: daily activities to do with your child
- Educational programming on Comcast:
  - ✓ Word Girl
  - ✓ Sesame Street
  - ✓ Arthur
  - ✓ Electric Company

## MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Music and movement is one of the favorite parts of our day!! Please access [GoNoodle.com](http://GoNoodle.com) for some of our favorites...& some new activities too! Here's a list of some of the most popular choices among the preschool classes (2-3 min activity):

- Raise the Roof
- Roller Coaster
- Milk Shake
- Hokey Pokey
- Chicken Dance
- Banana Banana Meatball
- Twist & Shout
- Get Yo Body Movin'
- Slow Mo Machine
- Hello
- Melting
- Pop See Ko
- Zap It
- Are you More like Sand or Dirt? / Shoe or Sock?
- Footloose

(Comcast has also added on-demand educational programming where you can also find GoNoodle videos)