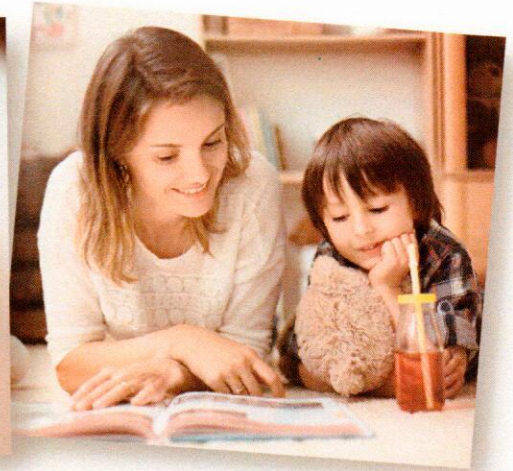


Parent & Child Activity Calendar

Early Childhood

Watertown Preschool Collaboration
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Early Childhood Parents make the difference!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Play animal charades. Imitate an animal and ask your child to guess what you are pretending to be. Give hints if necessary.	2 Hide a small toy in a shoebox and tape the lid on. Ask your child to shake the box and try to guess what's inside as you give clues.	3 Place a few light objects and a few heavy objects on the floor. Have your child blow. Which ones blow away?	4 Have a reading dinner. Read a family favorite aloud.	5 Draw faces on your child's index fingers with a washable marker. Let your child retell a favorite story with puppet fingers.	6 Help your child collect items from nature, such as leaves. Brush glue on paper and let him arrange the items to make a picture.
7 Fill glasses with different amounts of water. Have your child tap them with a metal spoon and listen to the different tones.	8 Praise your child for something she did today. Make your praise as specific as possible.	9 Stretch a rope on the ground. Show your child how to jump over it from side to side.	10 Play What am I? with your child. Say, "I am big and tall. I have a long neck and I live in Africa."	11 When your child is unsuccessful, ask him, "How would you do it differently next time?"	12 Mix 1 cup cornstarch and 1/2 cup water in a bowl. Squish it and it becomes solid. Let it sit and it turns back into a liquid.	13 Visit the library today. Sit in a cozy chair in the children's section and read a few books together.
14 Encourage independence. Make rules with your child about letting her get her own snack or going out to play.	15 Practice using the telephone. Help your child call a friend or relative.	16 Set out different sizes of pots, along with their lids. Ask your child to match each pot with the correct lid.	17 Teach your child his birth date. Also teach him the birth dates of family members and close friends.	18 Take your child outside for a listening minute. Have her close her eyes and name the sounds she hears.	19 Make a photo puzzle. Glue a photo to a thick piece of paper. Cut it into several pieces. Ask your child to put it together.	20 Watch an educational TV show with your child. Then discuss a value or practice a new skill from the show.
21 Give your child three pictures that show different steps. Ask, "Which came first, second, last?"	22 Write a letter of the alphabet. Think of things that begin with that letter and have your child draw some of them.	23 Play the opposites game. Say a word and see if your child can tell you its opposite.	24 Look in the mirror together. Ask, "What color are your eyes? Your hair? How many hands do you have?"	25 Encourage your child's creativity. Ask, "What would you bring to a picnic in space?"	26 Have a movie night. Talk about what was <i>real</i> and what was <i>pretend</i> in the movie.	27 Set an example for your child. Let him see you reading. Then say, "Reading is so much fun!"
28 Remind your child that you enjoy her company and let her know you love her.	29 As you do errands, help your child talk with people about the jobs they do.	30 Tell your child a story. Ask him to listen for one word, like <i>dog</i> . Tell him to clap each time he hears you say the word.	31 Let your child help you make a family chore chart. Everyone can check off jobs as they are finished.	<h1>October 2018</h1>		