

October Activity Ideas

Pattern Parade

Here are two ways that you can practice patterns at home with your preschooler.

*You will need 2 crayons/markers/pens and a strip of paper. To do an AB pattern, your child will make vertical lines using their crayons on the strip of paper.

*Another easy way to pattern involves using ice trays and small objects (buttons, Legos, pom-poms, dried beans, etc.) Place the ice trays end to end. You can make a pattern in the top row and your child can copy it or finish it in the bottom row.

****You can help reinforce the pattern by clapping it out when your child is done. Once they have successfully completed the AB pattern, they can move onto AAB, ABB, ABC, and ABBA patterns.

Where is Jack-o-lantern?

Here is a fun little Halloween song. I have included a copy of patterns to go with the song. Your preschooler can color and cut them out. When singing the song, your child can make the cutouts "run away."

(sung to the tune of "Where is Thumbkin?")

Where is [Jack-o-lantern],
Where is [Jack-o-lantern]?
Here I am!
Here I am!
How are you this evening?
Very scary, thank you!
Run away.
Run away.



Continue with: Spider, Black Bat, Skeleton, Monster

Marvelous Math

We will start working with numbers soon. We will concentrate on 0-5 in October and 6-10 later in the year. Here are some activities, books, and songs to help reinforce math skills.

*Slap Happy Math - Make number cards or use playing cards. Give your child a swatter and then call out a number. Your child has to slap it with the swatter. A real favorite of the boys!

*Learning with Bat Rings - Buy a bag of bat rings at the dollar store and use them for sorting and one-to-one correspondence. You can draw a tree or use a Styrofoam bowl as a cave to do all kinds of math activities - addition, subtraction, estimation, and more or less. You can also use the rings to reinforce positional words (behind, between, beside, in front, etc.)

*Good Math books: Rooster's off to see the World by Eric Carle

Big Fat Hen by Keith Baker

10 Apples Up on Top by Dr. Seuss

Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang

*Fun Math Songs: "5 Little Monkeys Sitting in a Tree" or "Jumping on the Bed"
"5 Green and Speckled Frogs"



