

# Learning Fun for Little One

## Learning Fun for Your Little One at the Beach

### Activities

- Write your name in the sand.
- Skip rocks on the water. Count how many times each rock skips.
- Count the shells you find. Talk about the different shapes of the shells.
- Sing “Row, Row, Row Your Boat.”
- Make a sand castle.

### Books to Read

- ‘Going to the Beach with Lily and Milo’ by Pauline Oud
- ‘Beach Day’ by Patricia Lakin
- ‘A Beach Tail’ by Karen Lynn Williams
- ‘I’m the Biggest Thing in the Ocean’ by Kevin Sherry
- ‘I’m a Shark’ by Bob Shea
- ‘Swim! Swim!’ by Lerch

## Learning Fun for Your Little One Biking

### Activities

- Write or draw a story about a bike trip.
- Talk about the parts of the bike, what they do, and how they work.
- Sing “Wheels on the Bike” (to the tune of “Wheels on the Bus”).
- Make a bike riding obstacle course.
- Remember to always wear your helmet!

### Books to Read

- ‘Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen’ by Cari Best

- 'Duck on a Bike' by David Shannon
- 'Along a Long Road' by Frank Viva
- 'Cyclist Bikelist' by Laura Robinson
- 'Bicycle Book' by Gail Gibbons
- 'Bicycle Riding' by Tracy Nelson Maurer

## Learning Fun for Your Little One at the Grocery Store

### Activities

- Name the colors you see in the produce section.
- Compare the sizes of the different fruits and vegetables. For instance, a lemon and a grapefruit: which is bigger and which is smaller?
- Find five foods that need to be kept cold.
- Find an example of each food group: dairy, fruits, vegetables, grains, and protein.
- Find a cheese that has holes. What is this cheese called?

### Books to Read

- 'Put It on the List' by Kristen Darbyshire
- 'I Will Never not Ever Eat a Tomato' by Lauren Child
- 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle
- 'An Apple Pie for Dinner' by Susan VanHecke
- 'Peeny Butter Fudge' by Toni and Slade Morrison
- 'Zoopa' by Gianna Morino

## Learning Fun for Your Little One at Historic St. Mary's City

### Activities

- See how many plants or crops you can identify.
- Visit the Indian hamlet and count the houses.
- Visit the livestock and name them.

- Find the print house in the town center.
- Visit the tobacco plantation and ask a question about life in the 1600's.

### **Books to Read**

- 'Pioneer Farm' by Megan O'Hara
- 'Watch Corn Grow' by Kristen Rajczak
- 'Watch Apple Trees Grow' by Mary Ann Hoffman
- 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle
- 'A Day in the Life of a Colonial Blacksmith' by Kathy Wilmore
- 'Jack's Garden' by Henry Cole

### **Learning Fun for Your Little One on a Walk**

#### **Activities**

- Listen to the sounds of your neighborhood and ask your child what is making the sounds.
- Count the number of cars or buildings on your street.
- See how many different colored doors you can see.
- Count the numbers of windows on your home.
- Ask your child to identify the letters on signs or read what the signs say.

#### **Books to Read**

- 'I Went Walking' by Sue Williams
- 'Sneeze, Big Bear, Sneeze' by Maureen Wright
- 'Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes' by Eric Litwin
- 'Birds' by Kevin Henkes
- 'Wow! Said the Owl' by Tim Hopgood

### **Learning Fun for Your Little One at the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum**

#### **Activities**

- Look for shapes around the museum: circles, squares, triangles, stars.
- Determine which aircraft is the biggest, and which is the smallest.
- Read the names of the aircraft on the signs.
- Look for the first letter of your child's name on the signs and aircraft.
- Count the number of aircraft outside.

### **Books to Read**

- 'My First Book of Airplanes' and Rockets by Kama Einhorn
- 'Flying: Just Plane Fun' by Julie Grist
- 'Airplanes: Soaring! Diving! Turning!' by Patricia Hubbell
- 'Amazing Airplanes' by Tony Mitton
- 'Jet Plane' by Matt Mullins
- 'The Airplane Alphabet Book' by Jerry Pallotta

## **Learning Fun for Your Little One Out to Eat**

### **Activities**

- Read the menu out loud.
- Find matching pictures on the menu as you read it.
- Practice ordering and let your child order their own meal.
- Draw a picture of the food you ordered.
- Find different shapes and colors around the restaurant.

### **Books to read:**

- 'Chopsticks' by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- 'Friday Night at Hodges' Café' by Tim Egan
- 'Sheep Out to Eat' by Nancy Shaw
- 'The Monster Diner' by Mairi MacKinnon
- 'Manners at a Restaurant' by Terri DeGezelle

## Learning Fun for Your Little One at the Park

### Activities

- Plan a picnic and take it with you to the park.
- Look at the clouds. Can you see one that looks like an animal?
- Look for insects. Count how many legs they have.
- Play catch or tag.
- Play on the playground. Go down the slide ten times.

### Books to read:

- 'The Best Picnic Ever' by Clare Jarrett
- 'The Teddy Bears' Picnic' by Jimmy Kennedy
- 'The Super-Duper Dog Park' by Aron Nels Steinke
- 'Faster! Faster!' by Leslie Patricelli
- 'Melvin and the Boy' by Lauren Castillo

## Learning fun for your little one at Leonardtown Wharf!

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### Activities

- Pack a healthy snack to eat when you visit.
- Identify any birds you see along the waterfront.
- Take a walk and see the famous compass rose. Talk about directions and how compasses are used.
- Take pictures. When you get home make a collage of your pictures.
- Talk about the importance of being safe near the water.

### Books to read:

- 'Make Way for Ducklings' by Robert McCloskey
- 'We're Going on a Picnic' by Pat Hutchins
- 'The Pencil' by Allan Ahlberg

- 'A Treasure at Sea for Dragon and Me' by Jean Pendziwol
- 'If Rocks Could Sing' by Leslie McGuirk

## Learning fun for your little one at the post office!

### Activities

- Visit your local post office.
- Talk to your mail carrier and ask them about their job.
- Write a letter and send it to someone.
- Look at stamps and design your own.
- Pretend you are a mail carrier delivering cards to different rooms in your home.
- Learn or make up a song about mail.

### Books to read:

- 'The Giant Hug' by Sandra Horning
- 'I Miss You Every Day' by Simms Taback
- 'Owney, the Mail-Pouch Pooch' by Mona Kerby
- 'Toot & Puddle' by Holly Hobbie
- 'The Post Office Book' by Gail Gibbons
- 'Send It' by Don Carter

## Learning fun for your little one on Three Notch Trail!

### Activities

- Before your outing, plan and pack a picnic together to enjoy on your nature walk.
- Start at the Charlotte Hall Library to go for a walk on the trail. (Make sure to visit the library after your walk and check out some books!)
- Gather different kinds of leaves, acorns, and flowers. Save your leaves!
- Practice hopping, skipping, and jumping.

- When you get home, use crayons and paper to make a leaf rubbing. Put in on your fridge!

**Books to read:**

- 'Kevin Goes to the Library' by Liesbet Slegers
- 'New Red Bike' by James Ransome
- 'Spring Things' by Rob Raczka
- 'A Friend Like You' by Julia Hubery
- 'Leaf Trouble' by Jonathan Emmett
- 'Ready, Set, Skip' by Jane O'Connor