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

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Learning fun for your little one at Leonardtown Wharf!
22510 Washington Street, Leonardtown
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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