

November

1. Gross motor skills

Encourage your child to imitate the movements of various kinds of animals:

- Jump like a frog or rabbit
- waddle like a duck
- gallop like a horse
- fly like a bird
- walk on all fours like a dog
- stalk like a cat
- plod like a hippopotamus

2. Fine motor skills

Manual dexterity: Encourage your child to cut out. Try showing him how to make Snowflake cut out.

3. Visual skills

Colour Perception: Ask your child to sort construction blocks into groups according to their colour. Start with red, yellow and blue. Don't overwhelm her with too many blocks at a time.

4. Auditory skills

Auditory Memory: Teach your child a simple nursery rhyme or Bible verse, then play a game with it. Recite a line and then leave out a rhyming word so that she must complete the rhyme. Leave out more and more words until she eventually knows the whole rhyme.

5. Mathematical skills

Teach your child to count to five. Remember to count real objects such as fingers, forks, buttons, or blocks etc. Young children learn best in the manipulative mode.

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6. Language and thinking skills

Ask your child questions he should know about his community eg:

Where do we buy food?

Where do we buy clothes?

Where do we post letters?

Where does Mom get money?

Where can you get fuel for the car?

Where can you buy pizza/milkshake/ice-cream? etc

7. Faith-building

Continue to teach your children about the great men and women of faith and the lessons we can learn from them as recorded in the Bible. Tell the story in your own words if you can at their level.