A GROWING LIST OF IDEAS FOR
Language-Rich Indoor and Outdoor Activities Organized by Verbs for Kids

PREPARE
• Make sure your child's amplification is functioning well. Click here.
• Make Listening Easier. Click here.

READ, RHYME AND SING
• Read books to your child (tips for babies, toddlers and preschoolers.) Click here.
• Act out stories. Click here.
• Read and act out Nursery Rhymes
• Sing fun songs (Bringing Home a Baby Bumble Bee, Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes)
• Rhyming games. Click here, And here.
• Sing classic children's songs with movements and songs (London Bridge is Falling Down.) Click here.
• Name that Tune-Sing or hum a few lines of a familiar song without giving any visual clues (including movements) and see if the child can guess that song.

COUNT, SORT, FILL, FIND AND GUESS
• Count pennies and divide into sets (of one vs. two vs. three.)
• Count various groups of items around the house and report how many of each item you found.
• Count the trees in your yard.
• Identify the types and number of trees in your yard.
• Find all of the_____.
• Sort the laundry into groups.
• Fill-the-container.
• Guess which one the _____is in?
• Guess what's in the bag?
• How many items do we have? (Take away one or two). How many items are gone?
• Guess which hand (I'm hiding the object.)
• Set up a group of items. Name or have the child name the items as you set them up. Have the child hide his eyes. Take one item away and then have the child open his eyes. What's missing? Where did _____go?
Is it (choose different prepositions such as /on, under, next top, on top of, in between, beside.)
DRAW AND WRITE

- Finger paint. [Click here.]
- Draw with whipped cream or shaving cream (add food coloring for even more fun.)
- Paint with a Q-Tip.
- Decorate your sidewalks or driveway with chalk art.
- Write a letter or shape on a sibling or parent’s back and see how long it takes them to guess correctly.
- Write a letter to your grandparents, friends or people who may be at home alone and would enjoy. Draw or include some type of picture for your letter.
- Write stories together.
- Write and illustrate a story.
- Write about your life.

PLAY

- Play various short interactive games—500 Five-Minute Games for 3 to 6 year-olds. [Click here.]
- Blow up and play with balloons.
- Play hide and Seek.
- Play Red Light-Green Light. [Click here.]
- Play Mother-May-I? [Click here.]
- Play dress up and have a fashion show.
- Play school.
- Play shopping.
- Play Online Games at PBS Games for Kids. [Click here.]
- Play store.
- Play Musical Chairs. [Click here.]
- Play Hangman or Tic-Tac-Toe.
- Play Hot Potato. [Click here.]
- Play with a ball (examples of verbs: roll, toss, bounce, throw, kick, hurl.)
- Play 20 Questions. [Click here.]
- Play I Spy. [Click here.]
- Play Flashlight games. [Click here.]
- Play “What’s Missing?”
- Play “Follow the leader.” [Click here.]
- Play with playdough. Make different shapes/items and talk about each item as you are doing it.
- Play a memory game.
- Play jump rope
- Play “Don’t Make a Sound” game (Give one-step, two-step or three-step directions that get more challenging to do without making any sound—then ask, “Did you make a sound (when you moved)? What was the sound you made?”
- Play “Simon Says.” [Click here.]
MAKE AND HELP

- Make breakfast, lunch, snack or dinner together.
- Make and blow homemade dish soap bubbles.
- Make a paper costume.
- Make playdough. [Click here.]
- Make taffy. [Click here.]
- Make and play with puppets. [Click here.]
- Make the grocery list.
- Make animal masks and play with animal sounds and descriptive animal behaviors.
- Make a challenging path with socks or any household item that the child can step on or next to and see who can get through it fastest.
- Make a time capsule. [Click here.]
- Make cotton snowmen.
- Make a paper airplane and see how far it can fly.
- Make handprint and footprint art (use your small child’s footprints to make a picture of a flower for grandma.)
- Make a kite. [Click here.]
- Make cookies or brownies or some kind of food item for a neighbor. Call or send them a text to let them know you will drop it off at their door.
- Make macaroni or spaghetti art.
- Make and use musical instruments (You can make drums using spoons and glasses.)
- Wash the dog.
- Pick up sticks outside.
- Help load or unload the dishwasher and sort items into groups.

BUILD, CREATE, HAVE AND DO

- Create Experience Books. [Click here.]
- Create a hopscotch game and play it.
- Color food (e.g. eggs, marshmallows, pasta) with food coloring.
- Do a puzzle.
- Create beautiful art with supplies you have at home.
- Build a box house.
- Build a box car or train.
- Plant beans in a cup of dirt and watch them grow.
- Challenge yourself to a basketball game of “Horse.”
- Toss a frisbee or throw a “soft” ball at objects in the yard and see who hits the most objects.
- Build a house of cards.
• Create a scavenger hunt.
• Have an Easter Egg hunt inside, outside or both.
• Have a campout.
• Have a pajama party.
• Re-arrange a room.
• Create an obstacle course.
• Build a paper boat and see if it floats.
• Build an outdoor hut or tree house.
• Have an indoor or outdoor picnic.
• Create and put on a play.
• Set up a Fort with sheets, blankets and chairs.
• Set up a mini town with markers, blocks and Legos.

GO
• Go on a Listening Walk. Click here.
• Go for a hike.
• Climb a tree.
• Watch and identify shapes in the clouds.
• Go for a walk and talk.
• Go for a run.
• Take your pet for a walk.
• Create an “Experience in Pictures” with your phone camera.
• Go for a nature walk and combine listening for a variety of sounds during the walk.
• Collect bugs.
• Collect rocks.
• Learn a new dance.