

RAINY DAY LITERACY ACTIVITIES

DRAW AND TELL A STORY: Use crayons to draw a picture of your favorite thing to do.

FAMILY COLLAGE: Make a photo collage of your family.

RAINY PICTURE: Create a rainy day picture with paint and write about it.

BOOKMARKS: Make pretty bookmarks to enclose in a gift book or to mark the place in your own book where you left off during read-aloud time.

RESTAURANT MENUS: Work with a friend or family member to create a menu to use at your pretend restaurant using pictures from magazines/flyers and add the list of foods with prices.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN: Children love to take orders from you in the kitchen. Read aloud the recipes and let them be the perfect chef's assistant to help you measure out and prepare the ingredients to bake/cook.

MAKE A CHARACTER PICTURE: Draw a picture of your favorite story character.

PUPPET SHOW: Put on a puppet show that you read from your favorite storybook or make up your own drama featuring animals and other pretend friends.

DRESS UP: Dress up as a super hero, animal, community helper or a fantastical character to engage in pretend play. Build a dress up box out of a plastic tub, and fill it with old clothes, costumes and fun-filled accessories such as cowboy hats and tiaras.

LETTER SCAVENGER HUNT: Hide magnetic letters or letter cards around the house labeling them as you find them and receive a prize for finding them all.

OUTDOOR FUN: Take the fun outdoors. Dress in your rain-gear, and go outside to splash in the puddles or do a rain dance. Build dams in the gutters and watch the water as it gets diverted by your efforts, talk about what you are doing and what is happening. Let your toddler throw small sticks or leaves in the rushing water and watch them float on the current. Toddlers love simple things like throwing pebbles into puddles to make a splash or stomping in mud.

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