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ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR YOUNG CHILD

Fun activities, aligned with the Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards, to help prepare children for school success!



Let's learn while in the bathroom!

Babies

Using a song, describe the different body parts as you wash your baby. For example, sing to him that you are washing his ten toes, first his big toes, all the way to his little toes. Then move to his left foot, and his left leg, and so on. Or create a routine singing head, shoulders, knees and toes or saying "this little piggy."

Show your child pictures of body parts to extend their understanding of the idea. Compare body parts with him, saying, "We both have fingers, let's count them together." Introduce the sign for each body part. You can also make labels on pictures with braille and written words. [Read more.](#)

Toddlers

Use a small bit of shaving cream to make shapes in the tub. If your child is hesitant to touch the shaving cream have her use a paintbrush. How many different surfaces will the shaving cream stick to? What happens when it gets wet? What happens when she blows on it? If your child is overwhelmed with open-ended questions, simplify by asking yes/no questions. Will the shaving cream stick to the tile? Will the shaving cream stick to the shower curtain?

You can also try the activity with a small bowl of water or in a puddle outside. Demonstrate the activities first while your child watches. Then encourage your child to use their hands, fingers, or feet to smooch the cream. Or, squirt the cream into different shapes and describe them. Ask your child to share what they see, feel, and smell throughout the activity. You can always strengthen their communication skills by signing your questions throughout the activity. [Read more.](#)

Preschoolers

Help your child to find different shapes in the bathroom. Can he find something that is round, square or rectangle? What shape is the bar of soap, or the top of the shampoo bottle?

Allow your child to feel and manipulate each object. Use new words to describe the shapes. Ask questions like, "Are the lines straight or curved?" Talk to your child about the purpose of each item in the bathroom. Describe and introduce the sign for each shape. [Read more.](#)

Kindergartners

Use a toy boat or plastic container (one that can float) as a boat and have your child slowly add other items, like toy cars, Legos, or other water-friendly toys, until the "boat" begins to sink. How many can she add until it begins to sink? What happens to the "boat" if she takes items out of it? Ask her to tell you a story about where the boat is going, or why the objects are on the boat.

Allow your child to feel and manipulate the boat or container and each object before you add it. Take the boat out of the water and allow your child to feel the weight of the boat. Slowly add the same items into the boat as you ask your child how it feels. Use descriptive words such as heavy, light, sink, and float. Take pictures of the boat in the water throughout the activity. Revisit the experience later and use the pictures to retell the story. [Read more.](#)

9 Bath Time Books



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Tub Toys by Terry Miller Shannon
Do Pirates Take Baths? by Kathy Tucker
Bad Kitty Gets a Bath by Nick Bruel
Puppy Takes a Bath by Christine Ricci
King Bidgood's in the Bathtub by Audrey Wood
Estelle Takes a Bath by Jill Esbaum
Barnyard Bath! by Sandra Boynton
Five Little Monkeys Jump in the Bath by Eileen Christelow
Five Minutes' Peace by Jill Murphy

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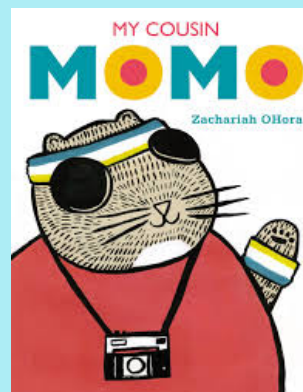
2018 PA One Book Announced

There's a new **PA One Book Every Young Child** book selection for 2018 and it is *My Cousin Momo* by Zach O'Hora.

Momo is coming to visit, and his cousins are SO excited! But even though Momo is a flying squirrel, he won't fly for his cousin's friends. Plus, his games are weird. He can't even play hide and seek right! But when Momo's cousins give his strange ways a chance, they realize that doing things differently can be fun...almost as much fun as making a new friend.

Fans of the PA One Book Every Young Child campaign may recall a book by author Zach O'Hora has been selected in the past. In 2012, *Stop Snoring Bernard!* was selected as the PA One Book.

Order forms for *My Cousin Momo* are now available!





Keeping Kids Safe

At the www.pakidstravelsafe.org website, sponsored by the PA Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, you can find all types of safety information to keep your child safe, including car seat loan programs, car seat fitting station locations, and access to a child car seat technician to ensure the correct installation of a car seat in a vehicle.



Starting your baby's smile early

It's never too early to be thinking of your child's smile—even if teeth have not yet appeared. Taking care of your child's smile begins at birth.

[Get tips to keep your child's smile healthy!](#)

Potty-Training? Tips for an easier transition

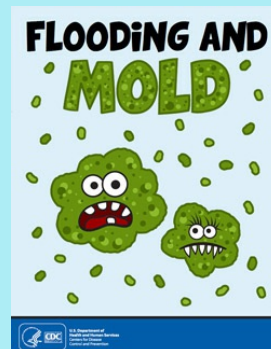
Many parents have said, "I hope he'll be potty trained by the time he goes to college!" All kidding aside, potty training can be a stressful time for parents and children, even though it doesn't have to be!

[Discover potty training tips.](#)

Helping Your Family Prepare for Emergencies with Ready Wrigley

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has created Ready Wrigley to provide parents, guardians, teachers, and young children with tips, activities, and a story to help the whole family prepare for emergencies. Together with your child, join Wrigley as she helps her family prepare for emergencies by staying informed, packing emergency kits, and making a family communication plan.

The activity book is designed to provide an interactive tool to further your child's education and promote disaster preparedness and safe clean-up in your community. You can share this book with your schools and early learning programs, communities, and families to help children learn the importance of being prepared. [It is available in English and Spanish.](#)



You & Your Child in the Kitchen: More than just cooking

The holidays are quickly approaching. This can be the perfect way to increase your child's exposure to language skills. You may think there is no time between roasting your turkey and baking the pumpkin pie to worry about language skills. But don't think of them as separate activities.



[Get tips on how you can help your child's language skills as you cook!](#)

What's Happening

Check out these family-friendly events hosted by our early learning partners!

Thru November: [Free Parent Support Group](#) (Erie)
November 14: [Family Engagement Conference](#) (Harrisburg)
November 15: [Family Engagement Conference](#) (Scranton)

Is there an event happening in your community? Send the flyer or link to Mary at marhal@pakeys.org and get it in the next edition of the *Learning is Everywhere* enews.

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Do you have a preschooler?

Will your preschooler enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2018? [Sign up for the monthly Kindergarten, Here I Come enews!](#) Each month get activities, tips and resources you can use to help your preschooler prepare for an upcoming Kindergarten year.



Thank you to our [Include Me](#) partners for ensuring the activities in this newsletter are inclusive of all children and their families.



The Arc of Pennsylvania's Include Me Preschool program aims to increase the capacity of parents and professionals to include children with all abilities in all aspects of life.



The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) provides families access to high quality services to prepare children for school and life success.

Find more information about Quality Early Learning in Pennsylvania
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