

Parent Activity Guide 3

Holiday Happenings-These will be stories, games, activities that relate to the current holiday or celebration. I try to learn about and include all cultures. I always appreciate ideas and feedback in the comments!

1. Earth Day-Audio clip about climate change and weather.
-a make your own tornado activity-following directions, fine motors
2. Earth Day-Go on an Earth Day Clean-Up walk in your yard or neighborhood using masks and gloves. Kids are encouraged to clean up the earth and recycle. I ask them to count the trash and post to Twitter.
-science, responsibility, pride, exercise (#mrsrobinstrash)

Story Time-These are picture books that I read aloud in video. They are great for any age and promote early literacy skills-listening for details and comprehension.

1. The Little Blue Truck-fun sound words and helping friends-Guest Reader from my college class!
2. I Accept You as You Are!-diversity and acceptance
3. Kids have new opportunity to vote for the story I will read again next week-live on Friday-YouTube
4. Podcast-Chapter 3 Audio-school age-listening for details, comprehension, inferencing.
Children encouraged to relax and enjoy listening to the story.

Boredom Busters-activities to look forward to that can help "bored" kids entertain themselves or enjoy activities with siblings! They will be learning without even knowing it!

1. Hopscotch! A video of me teaching this old-fashioned game-which may or may not be pretty LOL!
-gross motor development, following directions, game playing skills
2. Scavenger Hunt-a video of my live game kids can do on own-lots of fun thinking!

Brain & Body Builders-these activities promote exercise, fun, and the development of executive functions such as sustaining attention, listening, following directions, thinking skills and memory. They provide practice with visual-motor integration and discuss concepts like winning, losing, trying again and making mistakes. Some of the games etc. are videos and most can have ideas to adapt them to different age groups.

1. Living Room Baseball-a favorite game submitted by 1 of my college kids-gross motor skills, following directions
2. A printable checklist to take on a walking scavenger hunt-can be combined with Earth Day clean up above.
-observation skills, nature, exercise, thinking

Activities for Older Kids-These activities can be related to anything! Some may be adaptable for younger children or they can do with help!

1. Printable following the directions/problem solving activity-Answers on Answers page.
2. A printable strategy game that older siblings can play together.

Creative Challenge-activities can be related to anything! Most are adaptable for younger children to do with help!

1. Make binoculars from recyclables. Use them to look at items in yard or out a window-for 5 minutes. They need to create a picture of something they saw through their binoculars WITHOUT using crayons or markers-art, fine motors, imagination, abstract thinking. This is Contest #3-all ages-we will vote for 1 winner age 3-7 and 1 winner age 8-12. Kids need to post to our Instagram by Thursday 4/23/20 at 6pm to play. Voting will be open Friday@noon-Monday night at 6pm. They need to post their entry to Instagram under hashtag #mrsrobinsart

Learning Lab- These activities can be related to anything! Some may be adaptable for younger children or they can do with help!

1. Kids learn to play a math challenge game designed by one of my college kids-develops visual motor skills, game-playing skills, and math skills. Adapted version for younger children.

Feelings Friends-these fun activities feature our Feeling Friends that your kids meet throughout Mrs. Robin's Neighborhood! They focus on social and emotional wellness. They will involve learning and fun through games, art, academic activities and more! They are suitable or adaptable to all ages.

1. Feeling Friends-Get to know the Feelings Friends first. Then, print the names of the Feelings Friends and play Emotions Charades! It is good for developing visual discrimination and recognition of emotions which is a trickier task for our boys our children with disabilities. I will be going live Wednesday to see if they can identify my emotions.
2. Play the Don't Smile game-just fun!

Backyard Birds and More-these activities will involve the creatures in Mrs. Robin's Neighborhood and back yard. They can relate to any topic and will be good for or adaptable to any age.

1. A video story featuring my birds and Easter that was on Facebook. The story discusses how Easter is not the same due to the Coronavirus. But, it can be used to discuss how school etc. is not the same and how we can cope.
2. Use the binoculars from the Nature Scavenger Hunt (Brain & Body) above to go outside and see if they can see the birds they saw in The Easter that Almost Wasn't story they just watched.

Twitter-This week's post-post the # of the pieces of trash you collected! Twitter #mrsrobinstrash

Be sure to watch carefully for pet Rosie and Callie and Cashie to appear in videos and post.

There are lots of activities you may have missed. You can print the older schedules and visit my YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. I would REALLY appreciate any feedback and comments on any of the sites! I also need your help in spreading the word and sharing so I can help more kids stay engaged and more parents stay sane. Thanks, Robin