

Parent Activity Guide 4

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-1 pattern activity-promotes critical thinking and problem solving skills-answers in answer area

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

1. 3 Little Pigs-classic fairy tale on video that gives kids a chance to join in-promotes making predictions as well
2. My Heart-a story on video by my student Danielle-discusses feelings
3. Kids have new opportunity to vote for the story I will read again next week-live on Friday-YouTube
4. Podcast-Chapter 4 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 (a late add from Week 3)
2. Making and playing checkers! I will show the kids how I made a game from my recyclables and give them the rules.

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. Mother May I with a twist-an interactive video to promote balance, 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-see week 3 for download

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. The 3 Little Pigs PDF has an option to let the reader see the text highlighted as the lady reads the story. I got this text from the Public Domain so I can use it as I see fit. However, each time I tried to load my version, the narration disappears. So, I put the info on this page so you can download it with sound for yourself. GREAT activity for kids just learning to read or with a reading disability-especially reading rate which is heavily related to Dyslexia.
2. A fun card game that will secretly provide a lot of practice with math that older siblings can play together or alone.

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

-same activity as week 3 as we had no takers and I am grading finals-but I will add my example to the hashtag.

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. A listening activity that I did live on Facebook. Kids need to print the activity and have the 4 crayons listed in the directions on this page BEFORE watching the video. -has both easier/more challenging activities

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-a video where the kids try to guess my emotions. It was from my live feed. It will foster recognition of emotions which is a trickier task for our boys our children with disabilities.

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 same/different activity with my Backyard Birds-2 levels of difficulty-foster critical thinking and visual analysis.

Twitter-This week's post-post your location and the date if you see a hummingbird! Twitter #mrsrobinsbird

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

I added an area in the site-**Ask Dr. D.** I will be answering questions you send in via a podcast I will be developing. If you subscribe (which I really need LOL), you can submit the questions and I will do my best to help you out!

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