

Parent Activity Guide 5

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!

Mother's Day

1. A Printable Card they can fill in and color for Mom!
2. Who Knows Mother Best-a printable activity I made up that is great for all ages though little ones will need help to write his or her answers, but the activity can be done orally for them as well. It has questions that everyone fills out, including mom. Whoever knows Mom best wins! It is a fun way to learn about and celebrate you moms!

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. A Video story-I Love You Forever-a reassuring story discussing a mother's love for her son-all ages 😊
2. I will be reading some Mother Goose live on Friday-YouTube.
3. Podcast-Chapter 5 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. Kids are encouraged to give gifts from the heart and make 'coupons' for mom for Mother's Day gifts!
-gross motor development, following directions, game playing skills (a late add from Week 3)
2. Making and playing checkers with Mom or a sibling while Mom rests! I will show the kids how I made a game from my recyclables and give them the rules. This is a late add from week 4.

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. Play Mother May I. It can be done with traditional rules or via my interactive video. It is a fun way to spend time together and promote balance, gross motor skills, following directions and losing gracefully.
2. A printable Acrostic about mom. Uses thinking skills, phonics, fine motor skills and can be creative too!

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. A Mother's Day Mad Lib I made that helps older kids practice grammar in a fun way. If you need a refresher on parts of speech, check out the Easter Mad Lib from week 2.

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

1. Make a Mom and Me or Mom and Us wreath together. This activity will be a great together activity that you will cherish forever! You will be tracing and cutting out your hands and using them to form a wreath. Then, you all can decorate it together anyway you like! You are encouraged to post to our Facebook page Thursday 5/7 at 6pm to play. Voting will be open Friday@noon-Monday@noon. The family with the most comments under their picture will win a private Zoom session with Mrs. Robin! You will need to post your entry to Facebook using hashtag **#mrsrobinsmom**

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

1. A printable Mother's Day matching activity-kids learn vocabulary and identify animals-2 different levels.

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-I am leaving the video from week 4 up where the kids try to guess my emotions. It was from a live feed. The kids can watch if they did not. Then, you all can play the emotion game or Don't Smile together. 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 fun art activity that fosters visual recognition, visual-motor integration, attention to detail and fine motor development. Fine for all ages!

Twitter-This week's post-post your kids' answers to "My Mom is the best because..." Their answers may surprise you and we will share some mother smiles together! #mymomisthebest

Be sure to watch carefully for pet Rosie and Callie and Cashie to appear in videos and add your sighting to the tally in the Photobomb link on our 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!

Be sure to look at This Week's Activities to see when and where I am going live!

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