

Summer Activities for Fine and Visual Motor Skills

June 18	June 20	June 22	June 25
Cut coupons out for using at the grocery store. For younger children, let them pretend to cut coupons while you cut out yours.	Blow ping pong balls across a tub of water using straws.	Make playdough-see recipe *Child will need help with this."	Use playdough to make a bird's nest and small balls for the eggs (have them use 1 hand)
June 27	June 29	July 2	July 4
Put money in a bank to save for a special treat (the smaller the change the more practice).	Have a tea party: pour tea/ milk from a pretend teapot into cups. Cut playdough with a fork and knife for pretend cookies.	Make cupcakes and decorate using tweezers to pick up the toppings (sprinkles/ m&ms)	Pack a picnic lunch. Put items in ziplock bags and seal.
July 6	July 9	July 11	July 13
Cut straws into small pieces and string to make a necklace.	Use a rolling pin to roll out cookies or biscuits. Use cookie cutters to cut them out.	Draw a shape or letter and let your child trace over it with a color changing marker.	Play freeze tag. Chase each other. When you are tagged, you have to try to stay in one place and not move.
July 16	July 18	July 20	July 23
Make gak using the enclosed recipe.	Use scissors to cut gak into small pieces.	Play Simon Says using actions, not words.	Cut a shape out of thick construction paper/ paper plate/ cardboard. Have child punch holes with a hole puncher, then they can lace through the holes.
July 25	July 27	July 30	August 1
Hide small objects in a box of beans/ macaroni/ rice and have the child find them.	Have an aerobics session with chair/ floor pushups, knee-bends, sit-ups, etc.	Wet sand and smooth flat. Draw or write in it with a stick or finger.	Wet sand and smooth flat. Draw or write in it with a stick or finger.
August 3	August 6	August 8	August 10
Have your child close their eyes. Put suntan lotion in one spot and have your child try to find it and rub it in without looking.	Roll down hills as many ways as you can think of (e.g. log rolling, somersaults, etc).	Make as many different animals as you can with playdough (e.g. snakes, caterpillars, spider, turtle, etc).	Tear up pieces of magazines or junk mail and glue it to a piece of paper to make a collage
August 13	August 15	August 17	August 20
Set up an obstacle course of different textures (e.g. carpet samples, bubble wrap, paper) and negotiate without looking.	Play dress up. Try to pick clothes with a variety of fasteners.	Set up 2 buckets (one full of water, one empty). Use a sponge to transfer water from one bucket to the other.	Play with balloons. Try to keep them up in the air as long as possible.
August 22	August 24	August 27	August 29
Play simple card games such as Go Fish or Old Maid.	Put a heavy blanket or two on the floor and have your child crawl from one side to the other. You can also hide objects under it and have them crawl around to find them.	String Fruit Loops or Cheerios on thick fishing line or plastic lacing. It can be worn as a necklace or bracelet and snacked on.	Clean the windows using a spray bottle and water.