

COWORKING WITH KIDS



THEME

School Based Activities (on screen)

math

- Odd Squad show
- The BEST math games [HERE](#) all in one spot by topic!

reading

- Wordgirl show
- Movie adaptation of a favorite book. Discuss what was the same or different than the book. Would you have casted differently?

writing

- Type up your story
- Make a PowerPoint on a topic of interest
- Write an email to a grandma/friend/cousin

science

- Magic School Bus
- Wild Kratts
- YouTube kid science experiments

history

- Pick a topic in history, and together choose a documentary like [HERE](#) or safe YouTube videos to watch on that topic
- YouTube dance videos from other countries

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math

- Drawing to scale
- Data gathering (% of skittles were blue)
- Card games like Black Jack or War
- Board games with money (life + monopoly)
- Baking

reading

- Read a book (of course)
- Open an encyclopedia and read a random entry
- Reader's Theater with siblings and perform later
- Audiobook + draw (character, outfits, scene)
- Play scrabble/boggle

writing

- Write a short story on a given topic (write a bunch of random topics on paper, they pull 2 out, pick one and have to write a story)

science

- Science project. Does the same amount of snow melt quicker with salt? Sugar? Pepper? Hypothesize and test.
- Build the best paper airplane and compete
- Animal Study

history

- Make a timeline of someone's life
- Cook a favorite food or new food from another country
- Share with family what they are eating and cultural reference

ACTIVITY IDEAS + PROJECT BASED LEARNING

MAKE A MOVIE

(An original or a retelling of a favorite story). Write a script, make props, perform, film, and edit (super easy on an ipad with imovie)

ANIMAL PROJECT

Pick an animal, read or watch about it, make a habitat for it in a shoe box and a miniature (out of recycled material, sew it, or clay)

FIND A FAVORITE ARTIST/PAINTER

Look at their style (medium, colors uses, defining shapes). Copy a photo of theirs, or paint in their style.

CHORES CHALLENGE

Timer to complete each task. Bet on how long it'll take them. Winner gets a reward.

BAKE!

Anything from them picking a recipe and making stuff (with you most likely) to watching a Netflix baking show (Great British Baker, Nailed It, Kids Baking Challenge etc), and then give them a plain sheet cake to design and decorate

ACTIVITY IDEAS + PROJECT BASED LEARNING

INVENT A SPORT

From rules, to scoring, to logos, to fight songs, and anything else needed to play their game

CIRCUIT WORKOUT

Loud music, 1 min intervals. Jump rope. Push ups. Wall sits. Planks. Balancing. Writing the alphabet with their legs. Ski jumps. (crossfit style where they can see how many they can do at each station in 1 min. And the next day they try to beat their own score from the day before)

PAINTING/ART EXPLORATION

Set up a still life and paint it with watercolors or draw it with markers. Or build sculptures with Playdoh, clay, or Legos

MAKE CARDS

Provide the supplies to make cards (stamps, stickers, markers, scissors, glue, tape) and mail them once finished!

ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

Collect a basket full of items and tell them to build something using just those items + tape + scissors + markers. Give them a time limit and what they will be scored on



SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES

- 1. SET UP A SCHEDULE:**

A loose one, but block out your times. Either large, loose chunks or by the hour :). Whatever serves you best.
- 2. SHARE THE SCHEDULE:**

Explain to the fun squad (*aka yo kids*) that during certain independent activities you too will be working. And that you're not available unless there's blood (but really). You can go over how to choose another activity if something breaks/won't connect/you get bored.
- 3. LET THEM PICK A FUN ACTIVITY:**

Give them options and ideas and then have that be something to look forward to in the afternoon.