



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

OUR WEEK WITH

Sounds from the Forest

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Nature Drumming

What?

In the story of the week at school, we read about using nature to make different sounds. This week, make nature music with your children.

How?

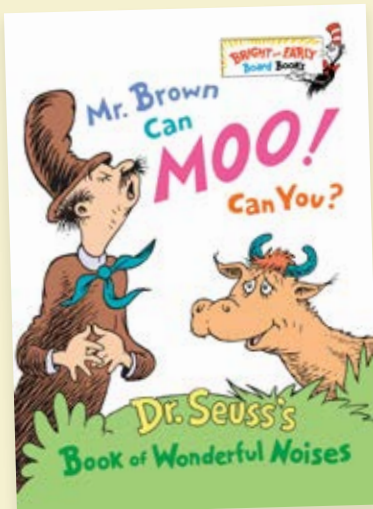
Gather sticks and use them to drum on different objects outside. Try drumming on a tree trunk or the sidewalk. What happens if you wipe a stick back and forth across the leaves of a bush?

Why?

This activity encourages curiosity and investigation skills as your child explores pounding on different things. This is key for your child's emerging sense of scientific reasoning skills.



This week, let's read books about sounds we hear inside and outside. Find this one at your library or on YouTube:



**Mr. Brown Can Moo!
Can You?**
by Dr. Seuss

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BOOK DISCOVERY Read to Raccoon

LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Pretend to read books. Practice turning pages from front to back.

math & reasoning

SORTING & SHAPES Sort Acorns & Leaves

MR 6 CLASSIFICATION

Sort acorns and leaves into two piles. Then sort the acorns by color.

music & movement

RHYTHM PATTERNS Sound Bottles

★ CA 1 MUSIC

Shake bottles and count aloud with a song.

art & drama

COLLAGING Tree Collage

LLD 2 COMMUNICATION

Gather leaves to make a tree collage.

LESSON 1

LESSON 2

PICTURES & LETTERS Letter Leaves

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Play with leaves and identify letters printed on them.

LIFE SKILLS Walking with Shapes

SS 3 GEOGRAPHY

Explore walking with a tray and transport the shapes from one table to another.

GROUP DANCE Flashlight, Shine Your Light

★ LLD 1 LISTENING

Follow movement prompts while dancing along to a song.

DRAMATIC PLAY Growing Hair

SCI 2 NATURAL & EARTH SCIENCE

Plant seeds and learn about earth science while watching them grow.

LESSON 3

ACTIVE LISTENING Listen & Draw

★ LLD 6 READING COMPREHENSION

Draw or scribble while listening to a read-aloud. Use the drawings to retell the story.

SENSORY PLAY Bear Counts

MR 1 NUMBER SENSE

Place bottle caps on the mat and take turns counting.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT In & Out of the Square

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Dance in personal space in a dance square. Pause the music and run to another square.

STICKER ART Circle the Sticker

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Explore putting stickers on a paper, then circle your favorite.

LESSON 4

STORY PLAY Where Is Raccoon?

LLD 6 READING COMPREHENSION

Identify the characters in a story. Hold a character Story Piece and look for it in the book.

NUMBER PLAY Friction Heat

★ MR 1 NUMBER SENSE

Identify numbers and rub hands together to create friction and warmth.

COORDINATION Catching Leaves

PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

Explore tossing and catching leaves while the music plays.

COLORING Coloring with Friends

LLD 7 WRITING

Draw a self-portrait and color the Forest Friends.

LESSON 5

COMMUNICATION Stick Rhythm Conversation

LLD 3 PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Participate in a call and response game. Tap sticks and repeat the rhythm.

MEASURE WITH ME Dropping Rocks

SCI 3 PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Measure sound volume by listening to rocks and other objects drop into water.

SOUNDS & SIGNS Jump & Me

SED 3 ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Follow the leader to make the signs for "jump" and "me" while listening to a song.

PAINTING Splatter Painting

★ SCI 3 PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Create a splatter painting with various tools.

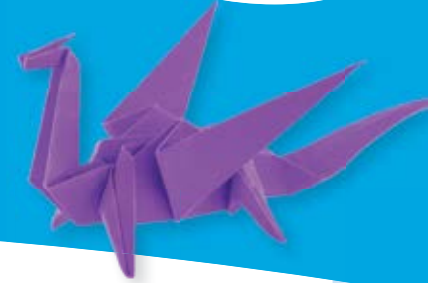


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This week, let's read books about Japan. Find this one at your library or on YouTube:



First Words: Japanese
by Lonely Planet Kids

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Say Cat?

What?

In the story of the week, we followed paths to discover origami animals. This week, invite your child to experiment with folding paper.

How?

Try folding paper with your child and make different items or animals you see in your house. Whatever you fold, give to your child to open up and unfold. Give your child a new piece of paper to explore and fold or tear any way they want. Have fun in the process.

Why?

This activity supports spatial reasoning and fine motor skills.



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LESSON 1

BOOK DISCOVERY Trace the Path

LID 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Develop book handling skills by following text from left to right.

math & reasoning

MEASURE WITH ME Dragon Stars

MR 4 MEASUREMENT

Explore concepts of height by reaching up and tapping the stars hung at different heights with a Dragon Pointer.

music & movement

SOUNDS & SIGNS Follow the Butterfly

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Pretend to be butterflies flying around a circle of chairs. Pause the music and invite the children to "land" on the chairs.

art & drama

COLLAGING Leaf Animals Class Book

★ LID 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Create leaf "animals" and assemble a class book.

LESSON 2

PICTURES & LETTERS Tap the Origami

LID 1 LISTENING

Listen for one-step directions and tap the named animal.

SENSORY PLAY Growing Letters

★ LID 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Identify letters on a sensory mat and recreate them with playdough.

GROUP DANCE Paper Dance

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Dance while standing on a piece of paper. Try to stay on the paper for the whole song.

COLORING Origami Maze

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Color and follow a maze path to build hand-eye coordination.

LESSON 3

ACTIVE LISTENING Circle Cap Paths

LID 3 PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Imitate the sounds heard in a read-aloud story.

SORTING & SHAPES Origami Matching Game

MR 6 CLASSIFICATION

Play a matching game.

RHYTHM PATTERNS If You're a Bird

★ LID 3 PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Sing along to a rhyme and talk about favorite animals.

STICKER ART Origami Stickers Match

SED 3 ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Match stickers to the same picture.

LESSON 4

STORY PLAY Do You Have the Origami Animal?

LID 6 READING COMPREHENSION

Hold up the Story Piece when a character is named during a read-aloud.

LIFE SKILLS Finding Germs

★ PD 4 PERSONAL CARE

Pick up "germs" and pretend to wash hands while counting aloud.

COORDINATION Listen for Lightbulb

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Use listening skills while dancing and touch your head each time the word "lightbulb" is sung.

PAINTING Turtle Origami Puppet

CA 3 VISUAL ARTS

Paint designs on a turtle shell with a cotton swab.

LESSON 5

COMMUNICATION Who Is in the Bathroom?

LID 2 COMMUNICATION

Practice making the signs for "bathroom" and "toilet."

NUMBER PLAY Clean Water

★ SCI 2 NATURAL & EARTH SCIENCE

Scoop scraps out of water to clean it up for the animals.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT Folded Fan Dance

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Dance with folded paper fans inside a circle on the floor without touching each other.

DRAMATIC PLAY Heart Puppets

LID 2 COMMUNICATION

Create a heart with accordion-style arms and legs. Talk about who you love.

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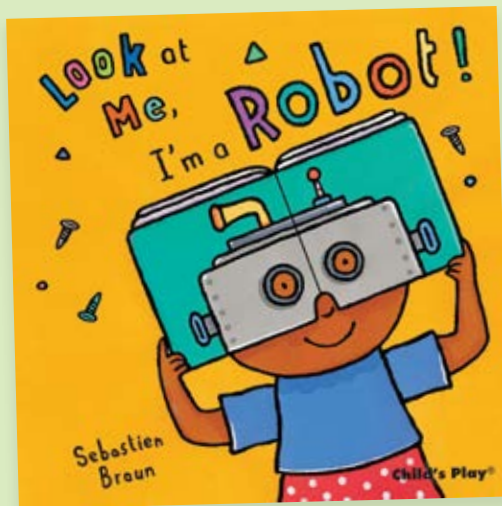
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This week, let's read books about robots. Find this one at your library or on YouTube:



Look at Me, I'm a Robot!
by Sebastien Braun

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Shape Hunt

What?

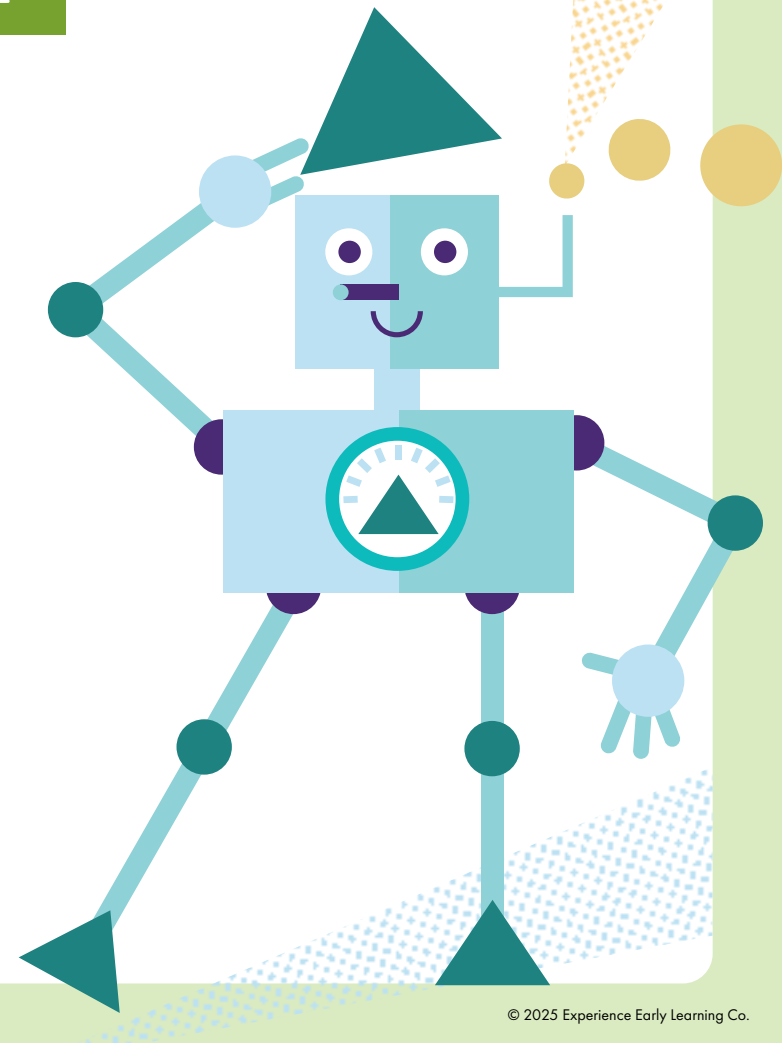
In the story of the week at school, we looked at different shapes and robots on each page. Look for shapes with your child in your home this week.

How?

Cut out a shape from paper and show it to your child. Then walk around your home and try to find the same shape in each room of your house.

Why?

This activity will help your child with shape identification, as well as spatial awareness.



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LESSON 1

BOOK DISCOVERY

Robot Flaps

LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Place a sticky note on each book page. Lift the flap and determine if a word or picture is hiding under it.

SORTING & SHAPES

Robot Shape Matching

MR 2 SPATIAL AWARENESS

Match shapes to a Robot Shape Matching Game.

GROUP DANCE

Lightbulb Leader

CA 1 MUSIC

Explore following the prompts of clapping, stomping and showing muscles as the music plays.

PAINTING

Painting with Ice

★ SCI 3 PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Use ice colors to paint designs and shapes.

LESSON 2

PICTURES & LETTERS

Robot Roll

MR 1 NUMBER SENSE

Listen for a number. Roll a ball toward the robot on the paper with that number.

NUMBER PLAY

Spin a Robot

MR 6 CLASSIFICATION

Identify colors on a spinner. Place bottle caps on a Game Board that match the robot colors.

SOUNDS & SIGNS

Freeze Dance

★ CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Dance along or around a path and freeze when the music stops.

DRAMATIC PLAY

Robot Mask

CA 4 DRAMA

Decorate a robot mask, then move around the room like robots.

LESSON 3

STORY PLAY

Hiding Robot

LLD 2 COMMUNICATION

Hide the Story Pieces one at a time under a bowl. Tell a story about why that character may be hiding.

LIFE SKILLS

Mixing Experiment

★ SCI 1 INVESTIGATION & INQUIRY

Explore putting small objects inside bottles, opening and closing them and shaking them.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT

Bot Beats

CA 1 MUSIC

Pound on a box with spoons like a drum and make beats with friends.

COLLAGING

Robot Shape Collage

★ CA 3 VISUAL ARTS

Explore shapes and make a robot collage out of shapes.

LESSON 4

ACTIVE LISTENING

Science Lab

★ SCI 4 TECHNOLOGY

Listen to a story and pretend to be scientists.

MEASURE WITH ME

Tall Robot, Short Robot

MR 4 MEASUREMENT

Explore tall and short sizes. Use bottle caps to measure how tall a robot is.

COORDINATION

Superman Robot

SED 2 SELF-REGULATION

Move to the song until the leader says "Superman," then roll onto tummies and do the Superman pose.

STICKER ART

Robot Factory

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Put stickers on a picture of the robot factory.

LESSON 5

COMMUNICATION

Find the Robot

LLD 2 COMMUNICATION

Interact with a book and make the signs for "robot" and "find."

SENSORY PLAY

Shape Press & Fill

MR 3 SHAPES

Explore filling 3D GeoSolids with dough or pressing them into dough to make shape imprints.

RHYTHM PATTERNS

Robot Arms & Legs

LLD 1 LISTENING

Follow directions by moving with the words and music.

COLORING

Science Shape Tracing

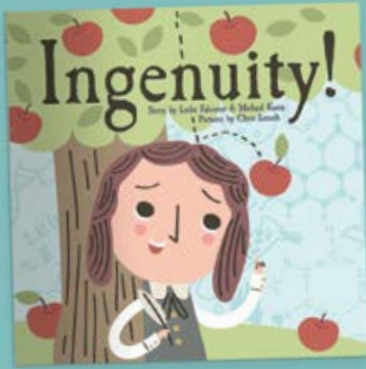
★ MR 3 SHAPES

Identify shapes and trace them with fingerprints.

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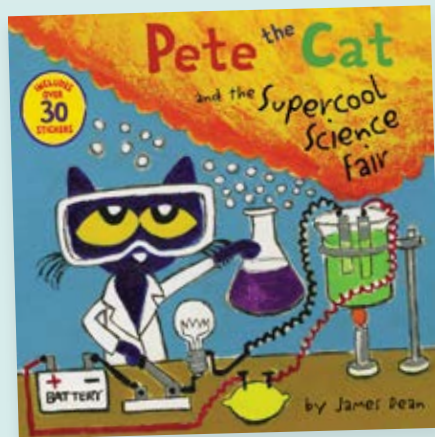
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Ingenuity!

This week, let's read books about science.
Find this one at your library or on YouTube:



**Pete the Cat and the
Supercool Science Fair**
by James Dean

TOGETHER TIME

Mix the Mixture

What?

In the story of the week at school, we read about famous inventors. Pretend to be inventors with your child by exploring kitchen science.

How?

Invite your child to help you cook. Your child will especially love the pouring and stirring part! As they stir, talk about how the ingredients mix together. How do they look? How do they feel?

Why?

This activity supports both the development of physical science skills and a deeper understanding of cause and effect.



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LESSON 1

BOOK DISCOVERY Act Out the Inventor

LID 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Look at a book's pictures and listen to the story.
At the end of each page, act out the story.

SORTING & SHAPES Lightbulb Shapes

MR 6 CLASSIFICATION

Find hidden shape pieces and match them to the Lightbulb Cards.

SOUNDS & SIGNS Little & Goodbye

LID 1 LISTENING

Sing along to the song and make the signs for "little" and "goodbye."

PAINTING On Light, Off Light

★ SCI 4 TECHNOLOGY

Paint a paper lightbulb.

LESSON 2

PICTURES & LETTERS Similar & Different

LID 1 LISTENING

Look at the clothes on the Story Pieces and self.
What is similar and different?

MEASURE WITH ME Rolling Distance

MR 4 MEASUREMENT

Explore objects that roll and measure how far they go.

COORDINATION Boogie Woogie Bridge

★ SS 3 GEOGRAPHY

Walk along a triangle "bridge" path while listening to a song.

DRAMATIC PLAY Color Paddle

PD 5 NUTRITION

Explore looking through a colored spy glass.



LESSON 3

ACTIVE LISTENING Tap Head for Invent

LID 1 LISTENING

Pat your head each time the word "invent" is spoken during a read-aloud.

SENSORY PLAY Paintbrush Design

★ CA 3 VISUAL ARTS

Explore using various tools to paint and create designs.

RHYTHM PATTERNS Table Taps

CA 1 MUSIC

Make music with friends by tapping a cup on a table.

STICKER ART Inventor Names

SS 1 CULTURE & COMMUNITY

Learn the names of famous inventors while playing with stickers.

LESSON 4

STORY PLAY Inventor Puppet Show

LID 2 COMMUNICATION

Use Story Pieces to have a conversation with each child's photo.

NUMBER PLAY Inventors in a Car

SS 2 CIVICS & ECONOMICS

Put different Number Cards on a car and add the matching number of inventor Story Pieces to ride in the car.

GROUP DANCE What Can You Invent?

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Follow the lyrics and make big, rolling and bouncy movements.

COLORING Inventors & Scientists

★ SED 3 ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Practice writing and coloring on a vertical surface.

LESSON 5

COMMUNICATION What Are You Inventing?

LID 2 COMMUNICATION

Stack, build and create with cups. Ask and answer questions about the creations.

LIFE SKILLS Stir the Mixture

PD 4 PERSONAL CARE

Practice self-help skills by using tools to pour, mix and stir.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT Wind Moves Me

★ SED 1 SELF-AWARENESS

Try to keep the feathers "dancing" in the air as the song plays.

COLLAGING Liquid Solid Blob

CA 3 VISUAL ARTS

Explore how liquids become solids in this gluey art experience.