

Extra Activities

Puzzles

Make a simple puzzle by cutting the front of a cereal box into a few pieces. You may cut the box into more pieces as your child increases in ability. You can use a second box as a guide.

Kindergarten Connection: Physically completing puzzles will help your child develop the ability to see how concrete things fit together. In kindergarten, children will visualize and then describe how things fit together using words such as on, over, under, or above.

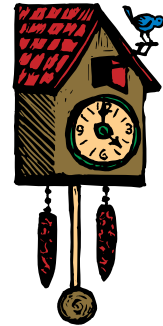
Book

Warlord's Puzzle by Virginia Walton Walton Pilegard.
Hoping to avoid punishment for breaking a beautiful tile that was his gift to a Chinese warlord, an artist suggests that the warlord hold a contest to see if anyone can mend it.

Time

Use a watch or count slowly as your child completes different activities such as running races, cleaning up, or getting dressed.

Kindergarten Connection: In kindergarten, your child will begin using clocks and calendars to measure time.



Book

It's About Time by Stuart J. Murphy.
A twenty-four-hour day is full of things to do! This book is an easy introduction to the skill of telling time, perfect for very young readers.

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Kindergarten Connection: Kindergarten children collect, organize, and record data in a variety of ways.
To help your child organize data (objects) in order to draw conclusions, have your child collect your family's shoes and sort them by owner. Guide your child to determine who has the most or least and biggest or smallest shoes. You can also sort them by color, type, and size and have him/her make comparisons.

Who has More?

Kindergarten Connection: Children will use appropriate techniques and tools for measuring objects in school.

Have your child stand against a wall while you mark how tall he/she is. Assist your child in measuring from the floor to the mark. Label the mark with the date, name, measurement, and age of your child. If you do not want to write on the wall, you can use a piece of paper or a growth chart that has been fastened to the wall.

How Tall Am I?

Book
More Bugs, Less Bugs by Don L. Curry, Johanna Kaufman.
Simple text and photographs present the adding and subtracting of a variety of bugs.

Book
The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss.
Despite everyone's dire predictions, a little boy has faith in the carrot seed he plants.