

# Family Newsletter



## THIS MONTH'S THEME

### Going on Safari

Pack your bags, put on a hat and get ready for a big adventure to the African grasslands. In the Game Reserve you will see elephants, zebras and maybe even get kissed by a giraffe! You will learn about people who live in the great savannah. You will celebrate their art, make necklaces, learn to drum and sleep under a mosquito net! If Africa seems far away, find a safari in your backyard. Hunt for beetles in the grass, make your own shelter and relax in the shade.

Look for the daily notes about your child's art projects!

Today I designed a safari hat.

It's important to protect your hair. It can be very hot and dry or wet and my safari hat. Now I'm



Today I stamped my passport.

Passports are small books that have our picture and other information inside. They are stamped when you enter or exit a different country. I used a stamp and an inkpad to mark my passport. I can pretend I am traveling the world!



ASK ME: What did you draw or write in your passport? Where would you like to travel to?

experience  
preschool

## Inexpensive Ideas for Learning at Home

Learning happens everywhere, all the time. Enhance your child's learning without spending a lot of money. Here are five quick ideas for activities at home, without added expenses.

- **Go for a walk together with a paper bag.** Collect items, then invite your child to create a nature book. Glue or tape an item on a page and write a story about it. Use descriptive words to describe how it looks and feels.
- **Look through store ads or "junk mail" together.** Invite your child to tear or cut them to make a collage.
- **Sort and fold laundry together.** Get a chore done while having fun! Match up socks and talk about colors, textures, patterns and sizes.
- **Create upcycled treasures.** Save items that can be recycled and use them to make three-dimensional sculptures. Set up an area protected with a plastic tablecloth, old sheet or newspapers and give your child free rein with tape, glue and rubber bands. Experiment with ways to build and create using those materials.
- **Count and compare using ice cube trays or egg cartons.** Use items from nature, snack items, buttons, colored rocks, small blocks or any other small items that will fit in the trays. Sort, count and compare the items by color, size or shape. Think of new ways to sort them.



## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CONCEPTS

**Letters** Cc, Ss & Rr

**Shape** Oval

**Numbers** 9 & 10

**Color** Orange

**Character Trait** Resourceful

**Letter Cc** cat, corn & carrot

**Letter Ss** sock, sun & snake

**Letter Rr** rhino, rock & raccoon





**RECOMMENDED READS**

**Cuddle Up WITH A GOOD BOOK**

**Safari, So Good!**  
by Bonnie Worth

**We All Went on Safari**  
by Laurie Krebs

**Way Far Away on a Wild Safari**  
by Jan Peck

**Starry Safari**  
by Linda Ashman

**Simms Taback's Safari Animal**  
by Simms Taback

**Flip Flap Safari**  
by Axel Scheffler



**Look Around**

*(To the tune of "Row Your Boat")*

Switch the last verse to name the things you find. For example: "Look! I found a little bird on safari!"

**Look, look, look around,  
What is it you see?  
Look around  
your own backyard,  
It's a safari!**



**Family Activities**



**World Explorers**

Display a World Map and discuss the different types of ecosystems, terrains and weather around the world. Talk about other adventures you would like to take, then make a family passport. Go on a virtual trip to anywhere in the world by exploring the culture, lifestyle and land online, at the library or through documentaries.