



Wandering Wordsmith

These activities are intended for children ages 0-5.

Complete at least two to earn your badge!

- Have your child practice creating/following lines on paper using Q-tips dipped into paint or food coloring. Or do this outside with paintbrushes and water.
- Fill a container with sand, dirt, rice, or other materials. Your child can practice making letters or words by writing in the material with Popsicle sticks, unsharpened pencils, or their fingers.
- Draw a hopscotch grid. Place a small toy in each square. As your child tosses a bean bag or rock onto the grid, ask them to provide a word that rhymes with the small toy in the square where the object landed. The first person to name rhyming words for each square wins.
- Place several crayons in a box. Ask your child to find the crayon whose color rhymes with a specific word. For example, "Can you find the crayon whose color rhymes with clown?" (Answer-brown.) Continue by taking turns until all the crayons have been used.
- Check out our 'Storytime at Home' plan on the Summer Quest page of our website, and use our e-resources to hold your own storytime with your little one.

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To find fun Summer Quest events,
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Explore

- Read a diary-like book such as *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* or *Dork Diaries*. Start your own diary.
- Learn about different kinds of poems. Cut letters or words from a newspaper, magazine, or catalog. Create a poem using those words.
- Read books with rhymes. Look for rhymes and word fun, like alliteration and onomatopoeia.

Write

- Build something using blocks. Write instructions to build it so that someone else can duplicate it.
- Make a vertical list of alphabet letters. Look around your home for something that starts with each letter and put it on your list.
- Write a postcard to a friend. Pick one of 3 scenes (beach, mountains, city). Imagine you are there, describe it, and tell your friend about it!

Create

- Create a new type of real or imaginary pizza. Write a recipe telling others how to make it.
- Look up a code online or create your own. Write a message to someone using the code and give them the key so that they can decipher it.
- Use a pencil to lightly write your first name on a piece of white paper. Draw a line border around your name following the shape of the letters. Erase your name, leaving the line border. This is your "Name Shape!" Imagine what the shape could be and decorate it! This activity can also be done outside using sidewalk chalk.

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