# 10 Activities to Support Learning at Home

Trace Letters on Rice

Is your child eager to practice writing? Do they love to play with their food? Enjoy making designs in their mashed potatoes? Transform this inclination to play with food from taboo to "yahoo"! They'll get a big kick out of working on their handwriting using rice!





Learning to identify and categorize different geometric shapes is a big goal for early learners. And your neighborhood is the perfect place to start! Go on a shape scavenger hunt to help your child identify shapes in their everyday life.

#### Bubble Science

Here is a recipe for bubbles that not only blow up nice and big, but do tricks and experiments! It's not a secret, it's science! You just need common household supplies plus a few extras (baby shampoo, glycerin, and unflavored gelatin) to make the best bubbles around!



## Practice Reading with a Rainbow Puzzle

Your child is likely already learning about sight words—short words that appear again and again in our language that children should recognize instantly. With this activity, you can easily turn sight words into beautiful rainbow puzzles for your emergent reader to reassemble. It's fun for your child, and you'll rest assured they'll be getting some important practice in reading!

## Fairy Tale Dice

You can inspire and encourage the inner storyteller in your child with this activity by having them create some fairy tale dice! All you need are some foam cubes, markers, and adhesive paper, and you'll have dice with story elements to play around with. Just roll the dice and sit back, as your child weaves their own innovative and adventurous story.



## Shadow Colors

Introduce colors and shadow play with this creative and irresistible science activity! While this project requires a few extra supplies (colored light bulbs and a power strip), one trip to the local hardware store should take care of everything. The result—a dazzling array of rainbow hued shadow puppets—is definitely worth it.



## Make a Ladybug Storyboard

Gather some felt, cardboard, tape, and scissors to create your very own storyboard! Bring math problems to life by helping your child act out addition and subtraction problems with this engaging project.

#### Time Book About the Day

Children thrive on routine, but they often struggle with the concept of time. An hour on the playground might feel like only five minutes, while the months between birthdays feel like 100 years! Making a book about the day is one surefire way to get your child thinking about time as a measurable unit—and it's a fun art project to boot!





## Make a "Word Slider"

Support your child's ability to learn word families with this hands-on, phonics activity that has kids making "word sliders" out of paper plates. Put these "word sliders" up on your child's wall as they are learning—ideally right near an area where you like to sit together to read. See how many show up in your books each evening!

## Make Math Active with a Personal Record Book



This year children begin to experiment with measurement for the first time. Eventually, that means learning to use a ruler, but at first, they "measure" with things like spoons, blocks, and paper clips. Make measurement fun by helping your child create their own personal record book to record all of their vital statistics, from head to toe!

