

Goldwood Primary  
School

**Making learning fun  
and meaningful!**

## Ideas to help your child at home this year

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Day 1

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Reading

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- Practice letter sounds
- Have your child gather pictures from an old magazine that all begin with a sound or letter (i.e. apple for A)
- Rhyming words (sing a song which includes rhyming words)
- have your child identify compound words in a book or the newspaper (i.e. raindrop, daydream...)
- Visit the library and select a book to read together
- Point out words on signs as you drive/ on cereal boxes...

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## Day 2

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Read a book together

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- Discuss your favorite parts
- Discuss main idea
- Discuss events in order
- Discuss characters
- Discuss unknown words
- Discuss likes and dislikes about story
- Discuss the problem (if one is present) and alternative solutions to solve the problem

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## Day 3

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Writing Practice

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- Write a letter/ song/ poem/ journal to someone.  
Include:
  - describing words
  - with older children discuss nouns/ verbs...
  - proper letter formation
- Make a book with illustrations for a friend or a family member as a present

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## Day 4

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**Math Fun**

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- Skip count (2, 4, 6...5, 10, 15...)
- Have your child divide items of food into halves or quarters (pretzels, pizza, cheese...)
- Have your child sort things that have common characteristics (shapes, colors, size...)
- Practice math flash cards
- Identify numbers in everyday life (on signs, in books...)
- Make your own clock from a plate
- Clock- have child identify how long it takes to do chores, teeth brushing...
- Practice making change or identifying money
- Measure items around the house with the scale or ruler
- Have your child cut out coupons and ask them to identify coins that match the value of the coupon

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## Day 5

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**Science is Everywhere**

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- Discuss science in the news
- Discuss (and chart) daily weather. Begin to identify patterns if ones exist.
- Identify characteristics of different animals (size, features...)
- Discuss sun, moon and planets as they are seen in the sky
- Discuss the seasons and why they exist and what we see as the seasons change
- Sort items by characteristics (size, color...)
- Conduct your own experiment and test the results
- Help your child identify recyclables around the house and identify uses for these things- think of ways to save energy and resources
- Plant something and watch it grow- discuss the changes

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## Day 6

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FUN- Game Day

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- Play a board game and model good sportsmanship and following directions (twister is a good game for this).
- Discuss fair play after one of your child's sporting events or after they are at the local playground
- Discuss sharing and cleaning up after play

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## Day 7

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Social Studies

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- Make a timeline of events with family photos
- Discuss other countries and how life is different (food, culture, music, lifestyle...)
- While driving, ask your child to identify different characteristics of land features (hills, valleys, creeks, lake...)
- Watch a show about famous people in history and discuss their importance in society
- Read a map together and discuss the features
- Talk about out of town people- identify differences
- Discuss veterans day, MLK Jr. Day and their importance
- Find Ohio on a map- hang a map in your child's room and put a sticker on the places you have visited.
- Use a calendar at home and discuss events

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## **Fun Ideas for Any Day!**

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- Visit a museum, park...
- Visit the Zoo
- Compare characters in a cartoon to people in real life
- Have your child help sort laundry
- Look for bugs in the yard and discuss characteristics and their role in the world
- Fly a kite– discuss importance of wind
- While cooking let your child taste, feel ingredients– discuss changes after cooked
- Discuss family traditions/ customs
- Play “I Spy...”- describe something and ask your child to guess what you see
- On a shopping trip explain how decisions are made on what to purchase
- Make a craft for someone special