

# Summer Activities for Younger Children

## **FUN TRIPS**

The zoo - identify animals, write about the animals that you see, what do the animals eat, look at the globe to find their natural habitat.

The beach - walk along the shore and look for sea creatures; look for sea birds such as pelicans. What the birds hunt for food. Talk about high and low tides.

The library - hunt for fun books together. Surf the internet to look for specific information.

Museums - Polk Museum of Art, the Mulberry Phosphate Museum

The movie theatre - but don't just watch the movie, talk about it. What was your favorite character? Why?

Go to a park or lake - walk the nature trails looking for special kinds of plants or animals. Imagine what the animals eat and where they live.

The grocery store - your child can help you find items and sort them. Note that certain items are found around the perimeter of the store while others are in the middle. Compare and contrast those items.

## **AROUND THE HOUSE**

Little children love to help out around the house. Ask your child to help sort laundry or sort nuts, bolts and nails in the garage. Teach them how to pull weeds. Show them which kind of plants are important to keep and which ones need to go!

Have them make a collage from magazine pictures they cut out from old magazines. Find things that are red or things that start with “Bb” or things that are round.

Children can do a word search by using the newspaper and looking for high frequency words like and, the, or color words, or words that name places or people.

Give them a project! They can figure out how long it takes for a load of laundry to be done, how much soap it takes, and how long it takes to dry. Then they can calculate the cost for that!

Another project might be to determine how many gallons of water the family uses in a day and the cost for that.

## **THE INTERNET**

A good example is a webpage like Google Earth. You can get real time information about earthquakes happening anywhere in the world. The same goes for volcanoes. There is a large amount of information on that site!