

You may not have planned to teach your kids at home, so we have compiled some of the best homeschool activities for you to try. Each page has age-appropriate activities of activities that will help your child(ren) learn new concepts while having fun.

If you have found other activities that have worked for you please take a picture and tag us on Instagram



Comment on our Instagram with new ideas:

@ChooseFIRadio with the #AccidentalHomeschool



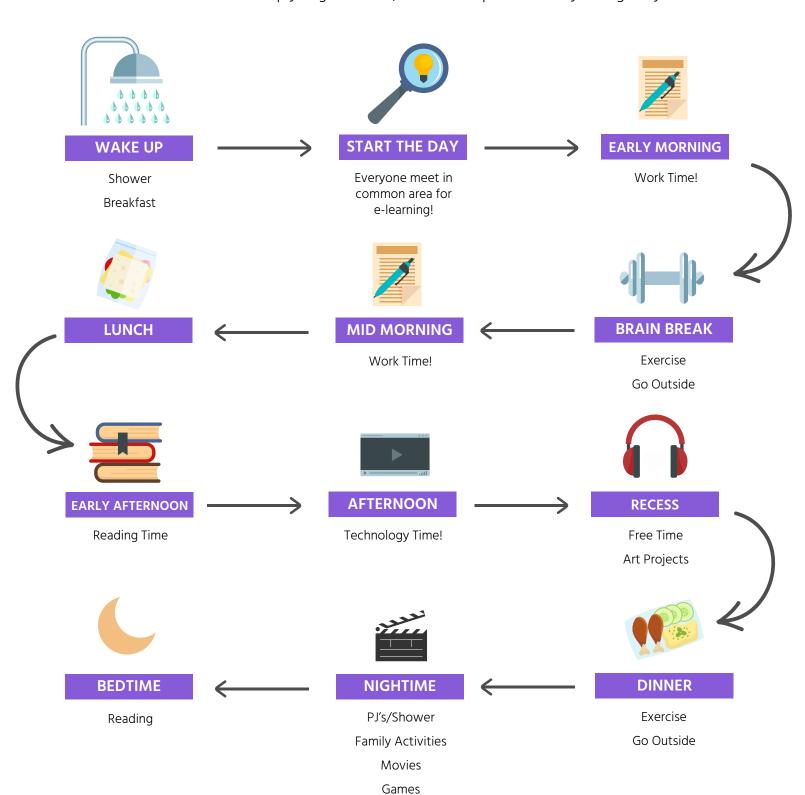


# Week 2 Overview & Directions

Get Back on Track with a

# SCHEDULE

One of the most important things to do is to try to keep your family on a schedule. Of course, that's easier said than done. To help you get started, here's a sample schedule you might try out.



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## **TOP 10 ACTIVITY LIST FOR TODDLERS**

#### Ideas to entertain your children as a working parent

**Step 1**- Think about how mobile your little one is! Most children this age need to be contained to explore an activity well. Otherwise, they will move off and appear disinterested when in reality they may enjoy the activity if the ability to move is no longer a factor. Place them in a contained area first ( high chair, pack'n play etc.) You get the idea!

**Step 2**- You know your child and their tendency to put things in their mouths. This will mean some of these activities, while great for some kiddos, may not be for others without more parent supervision. This is an opportunity to teach them "not everything should go in their mouth". But, I will provide creative alternatives to our facebook group too.

**Step 3**- You know their interests. These are ideas, but knowing what they gravitate to at this age is important. If my activity can be done with a different toy that will grab or hold their attention, switch out the toy (trains for cars or cars for dolls etc:)



#### Wash It

Get the item dirty first. Today they will paint with it. Washable paints please. Paint with the dinosaur, the car, the doll. They get a big bucket of warm soapy water. I say big, because you want to encourage them to get in to scrub. Keep the water low. If inside, the bath might be a great place to do the activity too.



#### Wash It - Again

You guessed it. Water outside is your best friend. Set out a tub by the car. Have a sponge, water, a squirt bottle and have them wash (paint) the car.



#### Caps

Do you have a child that likes gadgets? Keep/ accumulate caps, then cut off the lids from these milk and or water bottles. Stick them on a piece of cardboard (side of a box and hot glue the caps onto it when your toddler is asleep). Voila. They will twist and turn for a while. You could keep more of the bottle attached to the cap and add little pom pom colored balls for them to stuff inside it. If you create two rows, you could draw arrows on the caps and have them match the way the arrow above is pointing (left, right, up, down etc:)



#### 7DaysofPlay

Find and follow 7daysofplay- There are some great activities posted regularly for this age group.

# **TOP 10 ACTIVITY LIST FOR TODDLERS**



#### Save the Peg People

Tape "people," whatever objects or toy people you have, to a board or their high chair table. Have them work on fine motor control to take the tape off and save the people. Give them a treasure box to place the people into. These people could be what you have in your home (corks, caps, empty plastic paint jars). Be creative and use what you have at home.



#### Spaghetti Plastic Strainer and Cooked spaghetti noodles

Turn the strainer upside down and have the child thread the noodles through the holes. The bigger the holes and the bigger the noodles the better (It is easier for them to hold and push through if both are bigger). This could be adapted to a box with holes you place in the box yourself. (You can make the holes larger depending on your child and their needs). Change cooked noodles to uncooked noodles.



#### **Box Play**

Tape two to three large boxes together and have them make a tunnel. Give them markers and have them draw.



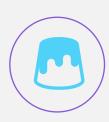
#### **Under table play**

Stick brown construction paper under a little kid's table. Have them lay on their backs and draw (as if they are artists painting a ceiling)



#### Jello Fun

Make Jello and before it sets hide their favorite little gadgets, bugs, plastic eyeballs, little people inside the jello. When it sets, have them go on a jello hunt to save their things.



#### **Edible Fun**

Make chocolate pudding. Cut up fruit (bananas, strawberries, blueberries). Have cheerios on hand too. Lay down a picnic blanket or painters plastic if you are inside and strip them to their diaper. Spoon out a portion of the chocolate pudding and have them make a scene on a baking sheet eg: a bus with bananas for people and so on. Run a bath beforehand. They will get sticky and enjoy themselves.

## **KEEP LEARNING WITH CHOOSEFI PREK-12 BINGO**

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#### **Option 1 - Traditional Bingo**

- 1. Have your learner work on their own or have everyone in the family choose a box.
- 2. Work horizontally, vertically, and/or diagonally.
- 3. Come up with an age-appropriate way to celebrate when the work is complete.

#### Option 2 - Mix It Up

- 1. Have your learner work on their own or have everyone in the family choose a box.
- 2. Play postage stamp, four corners, or blackout as bingo alternatives. You can add this to Option 1 or use this format on its own.
- 3. Come up with an age-appropriate way to celebrate when the work is complete.

#### Option 3 - Leave It Up to Chance!

- 1. Have your learner choose a letter (L, E, A, R, or N).
- 2. Then, ask them to roll a die from a board game. If they roll a 6, they should roll again. Count from the top of the column to see which activity they should complete.
- 3. Repeat this process until they get a bingo!
- 4. Come up with an age-appropriate way to celebrate when the work is complete.

#### **Option 4 - Print Two!**

- 1. Print out two copies of the bingo board.
- 2. Cut one up and put cutouts into a bin or jar.
- 3. Draw bingo squares at random to complete until they get a bingo.
- 4. Come up with an age-appropriate way to celebrate when the work is complete.

#### **Option 5 - Better Together!**

- 1. Play option 3 or option 4 but make it a competition.
- 2. Recruit other learners in your house and/or play the adult bingo board yourself.
- 3. Offer it as an option for other neighbors, relatives, or stu ents in your child's class.
- 4. Come up with an age-appropriate way to celebrate the person who gets bingo first!

# PREK-1 BINGO BOARD WEEK 2

**Directions:** Your goal is to get a bingo by completing five (5) boxes in a row horizontally, diagonally, or vertically. Each box relates to different types of learning. Activities focus on age appropriate motor development, financial, social, & emotional learning, health & fitness, and family & communication.

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| Find the matching circles  Match the different size circles with their lids. Add colors (caps and circles to practice colors too).   | Monster Haircut Practice your scissor work!  Make your monster out of tissue paper. Decorate your monster with eyes (marker, googly eyes, water balloons eyes etc:)   | Paint Popsicles When the ice melts, you paint. Your canvas could be thick brown paper stuck on a wall, door or floor.   | Matching! Draw lower and upper case letters on the sidewalk in two columns. Draw a squiggly line to match the uppercase and lowercase letters.   | Learn through movement!  Tape matching squares around a square. Make an identical square opposite it.  Play a game of <u>Simon Says</u> .  You do it, then they do it!   |
| Tape it, run it! Create a Obstacle Course Game (arrows to follow, boxes, zig zags etc:). Put music on and have your toddler complete it. Time it & repeat to beat time.  | Sink or Float! Find a large transparent container. Fill it with water. Discuss the words sink and float and what they mean. Go on a scavenger hunt around the house for items. Make a Prediction. Drop item in. | <b>Spell it, work it!</b> Spell your name and have them <u>workout</u> at the same time.  | How is your aim? Mud Target Practice. Swimsuit needed. Fill a bucket with mud and add water to it, draw a target on the floor with chalk and throw mud at it.                              | Watch it! The Mixed Up Chameleon by Eric Carle. If you have the book, read the book again at bedtime.  |
| Count it! Go on a 1-10 counting scavenger hunt inside and outside. Find "that number" of things eg: one banana, two pillows etc: Have them draw what they find or point to the items all in the pile you create and count them | Hide and Seek Play hide and seek with one or both of your parents. Be creative! If your parents are working go on a scavenger hunt for sticks. Look at all of the creative things you can make with sticks.     | Free Space!   | Pom Pom number challenge Watch the video by Raising Dragons. Make your learning board (a box, toilet rolls, marker, a pom pom). A great way to practice number work with movement.         | Marble Run  Make a <u>simple marble</u> run with clothes pegs and a simple cardboard rectangle and marble.   |
| Help others! Pick up your toys without being asked. Discuss the term "kindness" and "thinking about others". Practice it at home first. Make it your focus for the day. Try it with your family first. Make it a habit.        | Dance Dance  Dance away to  GoNoo-dle-Trolls Follow the routine as best you can. Post your dance moves to  @ChooseFlradio   | Follow! The <u>DadLab</u> has wonderful activities to do with your child. Follow him and find an activity you are excited about. Be sure to share it with us @choosefiradio           | Swat it!  A balloon and a fly swat for inside fun. Find an emptier room in the house and try to keep the balloon o the lava floor. Time your toddler and post your time to  @choosefiradio | Germs Teach your toddler how to wash their hands. A life skill. Play the video, perform the experiment yourself, then wash hands practicing counting too.  |
| Virtual Hello! Have a video chat with a loved one or friend and sing them a song you know.   | Decorate it! Decorate kindness rocks and hide them at a neighbor's house. Have them go on a hunt for your rocks   | Read it  Find the book <u>A Chair for</u> <u>My Mother</u> by Vera B. Williams at your local library. Read it. Discuss the word "saving" and create/make a saving jar for home coins. | Healthy Breakfast Teach your toddler how to make two ingredient pancakes. Half a banana and one egg. Mash banana well. (Hint: Better if they are small pancakes). Yum!                     | Shadow! Lay down on the ground outside. Have someone draw around you. How long are you? Measure yourself with trains, trucks, blocks, dominoes or something in nature that is the same size. Line them up from head to toe and count how many. |

Repeat

## **TODDLER ACTIVITY SUPPLIES AND INSTRUCTIONS**

#### Find the matching circles:

*Supplies*- Lids of dierent shapes and sizes (circular to start but to add dieculty they could be irregular shapes rather than lids), paper or a box.

*Instructions-* Be sure to choose lids of all shapes, colors and sizes for this activity. Get a large piece of paper or a box ( (whatever you have). Draw around the circles on the paper or box. Place the child at table and lay the lids next to the paper. You might want to model it first, then scramble the lids for them to try.

#### **Monster Haircut:**

Supplies- Tissues paper (x3 sheets of dierent colors), markers, pom poms, balloons (whatever you want to make the face of a monster with), tape (to stick the tissues paper together and down to the table) & toddler scissors.

Instructions- Take the tissues paper and lay them on top of one another. Then roll it into a cylinder on the long side. Tape the edge down so it is a cylinder. On one side make cuts and inch and a hal in length. Move half an inch across and repeat this all the way round to create wacky hair. Stick the cylinder on a table with tape standing on one side. Have the child decorate it and make it into a monster. Practice their scissor work!

#### Swat it!:

Supplies- 10 water balloons of dierent colors. A permanent marker and Tape. A blank wall and a fly swat

*Instructions*- Tape the balloons to the surface you are using. Write numbers 1-10 on the 10 balloons so you can easily see the numbers from 5 yards away. Call out a number and have your child run to the wall and swat at the number you call. Repeat to practice numbers.

#### Virtual Hello!

Supplies- Access to wifi, a device, Zoom.

*Instructions*- Have a video chat with a loved one or friend and sing them a song you know. You might want to talk to your child about how to have a conversation with someone on the phone. Practice it first by asking them prompted questions ( How are you? How was your day? What was your best part of today?)

#### Decorate it!:

Supplies- Collect rocks of all shapes and sizes, paint, paint brush (maybe a text message to a neighbor to let them know you will be hiding them in their garden etc.)

*Instructions-* Decorate kindness rocks and hide them at a neighbor's house. Have them go on a hunt for your rocks. Take pictures of the hiding spots so that parents can help them find the rocks.

# **TODDLER ACTIVITY SUPPLIES AND INSTRUCTIONS**

#### Shadow!:

Supplies- Sidewalk chalk, cars (whatever you are measuring with), objects to discuss measurement, Instructions- Lay down on the ground outside or inside. If you choose inside, lay on a large piece of brown paper so you can draw around them with marker rather than chalk. Introduce the term measurement and discuss words like "length." Maybe show them different vegetables in yourridge or objects that are di erent lengths. Ask them, "How long are you?" How might we know? Tell them what you use to measure. Then ask them what they should do if there is no tape measure. Show them items of similar length eg: string, cars, lids, corks. Measure yourself with trains, trucks, blocks, dominoes or something in nature that is the same size. Line them up from head to toe and count how many.

Board games are really great to introduce at this age. Try it. Do you have any of these at home?

Board Games- Good family games to play with children ages 3-5

**Counting Chickens** 

Sequence for Kids

Snug as a bug in a rug

Hoot owl hoot

Roll and play

Seek a boo

Hiss

Sneaky snacks squirrel

Hi ho cherry o

Don't break the ice

Wiggle and giggle

# **ELEMENTARY BINGO BOARD WEEK 2**

**Directions:** Your goal is to get a bingo by completing five (5) boxes in a row horizontally, diagonally, or vertically. Each box relates to different types of learning. Activities focus on core curriculum, finance, social emotional learning, health & fitness, and family & communication.

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| Check out <u>Thrive Art</u><br>School and take a<br>drawing class.   | <b>Listen!</b> Sit back and listen to great audio books. Find a book on <u>Audible Stories</u>   | <b>Move It!</b> Dadventures- 12 websites to get kids up and moving  | Mosaic It!  Create your own mosaic with tape and chalk (or paints). Your canvas (sidewalk, wooden surface or brown paper stuck down on your floor). Take off the tape when done.   | <b>Spell It!</b> <u>Lego block contractions.</u> "Make" spelling fun!  |
| Family time! Play a game with your brother or sister   | Shaving cream Spelling! Spray some of dad's shaving cream on a baking sheet and practice your spelling words and or cursive.   | Multiplication Pop It! Water balloons of different colors. Write the products (answers to multiplication tables) on the balloons in permanent marker. Stick up on a window. Shout out the times table and have the other person pop or swat ( fly swat) the answer. | 20 Virtual Field Trips This site will allow you to visit 20 places virtually. Enjoy field trips from your own home.  | Play It! Play the game <u>Oregon Trail</u> and learn about our history in an interactive fun way.                              |
| <u>Storyjumper</u><br>Enjoy writing. Virtually<br>build your characters<br>too.  | Stay up current! <u>Time For Kids</u> is a great current events magazine that you can read weekly with your family. Start a bookclub and discuss what you enjoyed in the magazine each week                                  | Free Space!   | Purple Mash This website is designed for you, ages 3-11. It contains many <u>creative tools</u> ie: coding, animation, publishing, art and also applications for maths, spelling and grammar.  | Brainpop  Great videos to learn concepts. Take quizzes after you learn (science, math, social studies and more)                |
| National Geographic Young Explorers where you can listen to the magazine being read as you follow along with the highlighted text                  | Cook It!  We challenge you to follow a recipe and make dinner tonight.  First look at the ingredients and make sure you have them. If not, you might need to wait until you have been to the store:  Spaghetti and Meatballs | Credit cards explained. Tell a family member one interesting thing you learned today.   | <b>Oppia</b><br>Learn <u>to code</u> by making<br>your own robot.  | Learn about the <u>Amazing</u> <u>Insects</u> around us. Take a walk in nature and see how many insects you find on your walk. |
| Play the dice game <u>PIG.</u> Watch the video to learn how to play. You will need dice, a paper and pencil (oh and a device to watch this video). | Start to create a <u>digital</u> <u>portfolio</u> that exports to a resume and use the tools to match with scholarships, discover opportunities, like virtual job shadowing, jobs, etc.                                      | <u>Video Playdates</u> Tips on how to set up a video playdate with your class, friends and loved ones   | Ever have a burning question you want answered? Others wonder too on Wonderopolis. There are short videos and readings that answer various burning questions for you the students on this site. There are vocabulary challenges and comprehension questions too. | <u>Kidz Bop</u> Dance Along to<br>the Videos and get your<br>wiggles out.  |

# 6-12 BINGO BOARD WEEK 2

**Directions:** Your goal is to get a bingo by completing five (5) boxes in a row horizontally, diagonally, or vertically. Each box relates to different types of learning. Activities focus on core curriculum, finance, social emotional learning, health & fitness, and family & communication.

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| Plan a meal using<br>ingredients you<br>already have in your<br>house.  | Listen to a ChooseFI<br>episode or another podcast<br>linked <u>here.</u>          | Get a taste of the Ivy<br>Leagues with <u>one of these</u><br><u>free online courses.</u>       | Have a <u>Netflix viewing</u> <u>party</u> with friends and write a critique of the movie afterwards! | Download an audiobook or<br>ebook from your public<br>library, school library,<br><u>Audible,</u> or <u>Scribd.</u> |
| Explore possible careers and majors that interest you using <u>Big</u> <u>Future from The</u> <u>College Board.</u> | Research a city you hope<br>to visit one day and plan a<br>vacation budget for it. | Play <u>Shady Sam</u> to talk<br>about lending and better<br>budgeting.                         | Brush up on math, science,<br>social science, and<br>language arts skills with <u>IXL.</u>            | Take a virtual field trip and<br>check out <u>The Hidden</u><br>Worlds of National Parks.                           |
| Play math games to review the basics or learn new math skills with Khan Academy.                                    | Play <u>Oregon Trail</u> and then<br>research what the Oregon<br>Trail really was! | Free Space!   | Choose a content area you want to improve in and work on it in <u>Khan Academy.</u>                   | Write notes of encourage-<br>ment that you can mail to a<br>senior living center. Some<br>even accept email!        |
| Look for 10 different<br>signs of spring on a<br>walk outside<br>remember social<br>distancing!                     | Find an interesting topic to listen to from <u>TED Ed.</u>                         | Read three stories that<br>interest you on<br><u>CommonLit.</u>                                 | <u>"Visit" one museum</u> every<br>day for a week! Convince a<br>friend to "visit" your<br>favorite.  | Decorate your driveway or sidewalk with trivia facts!   |
| Get a five-day streak<br>on <u>DuoLingo.</u>  | Write a review of your favorite small business and post it online.                 | Persuade a friend or<br>family member to attend<br><u>an online music festival</u><br>with you! | Compare the cost of living in your city with at least two other places in the world.                  | Create a resumé or an<br>advertisement that you<br>could use to get a job next<br>year.                             |

If you enjoyed these challenges, check out the <u>ChooseFI K-12 Curriculum</u> and our Passport Performance Assessments for <u>6-8</u> and <u>9-12</u>.

## **ADULTS**

Activity Cube (Dodecahedron)

#### Instructions:

Cut out the shape and assemble by gluing the tabs or using tape.

Everytime you are feeling bored or like you need/want something to do, give this a roll and you have to do whatever activity comes up!

If you don't have a printer, simply roll 2 dice and do the activity that matches the number you rolled (obviously 1 is out, so maybe just do that one first!)

Missed Week One? Download here!

