

Week 4

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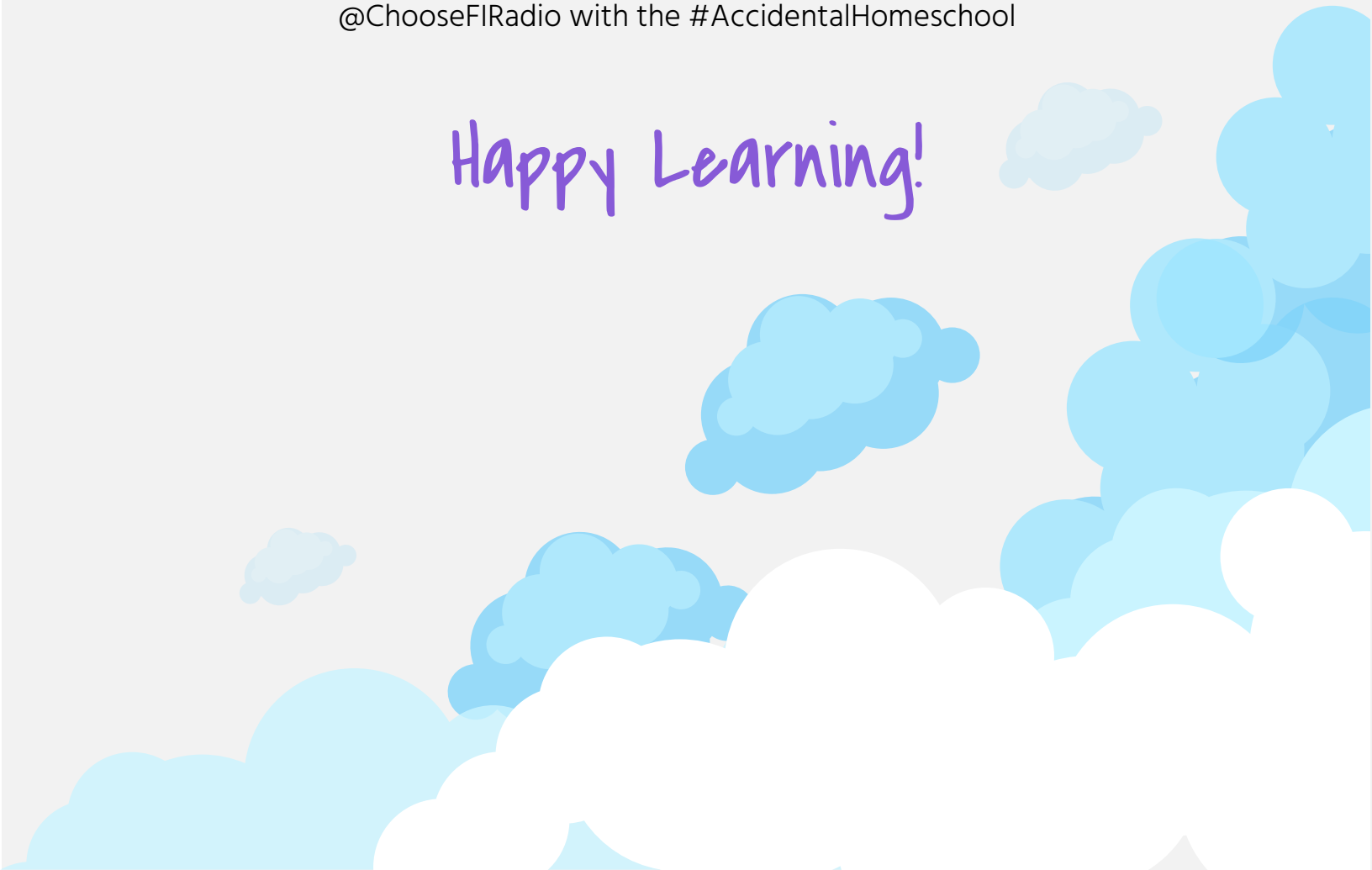
You may not have planned to teach your kids at home, so we have compiled some of the best homeschool activities for you to try. Each page of this guide has activities that will help your child(ren) learn new concepts while having fun.

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

Happy Learning!





Week 4 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.

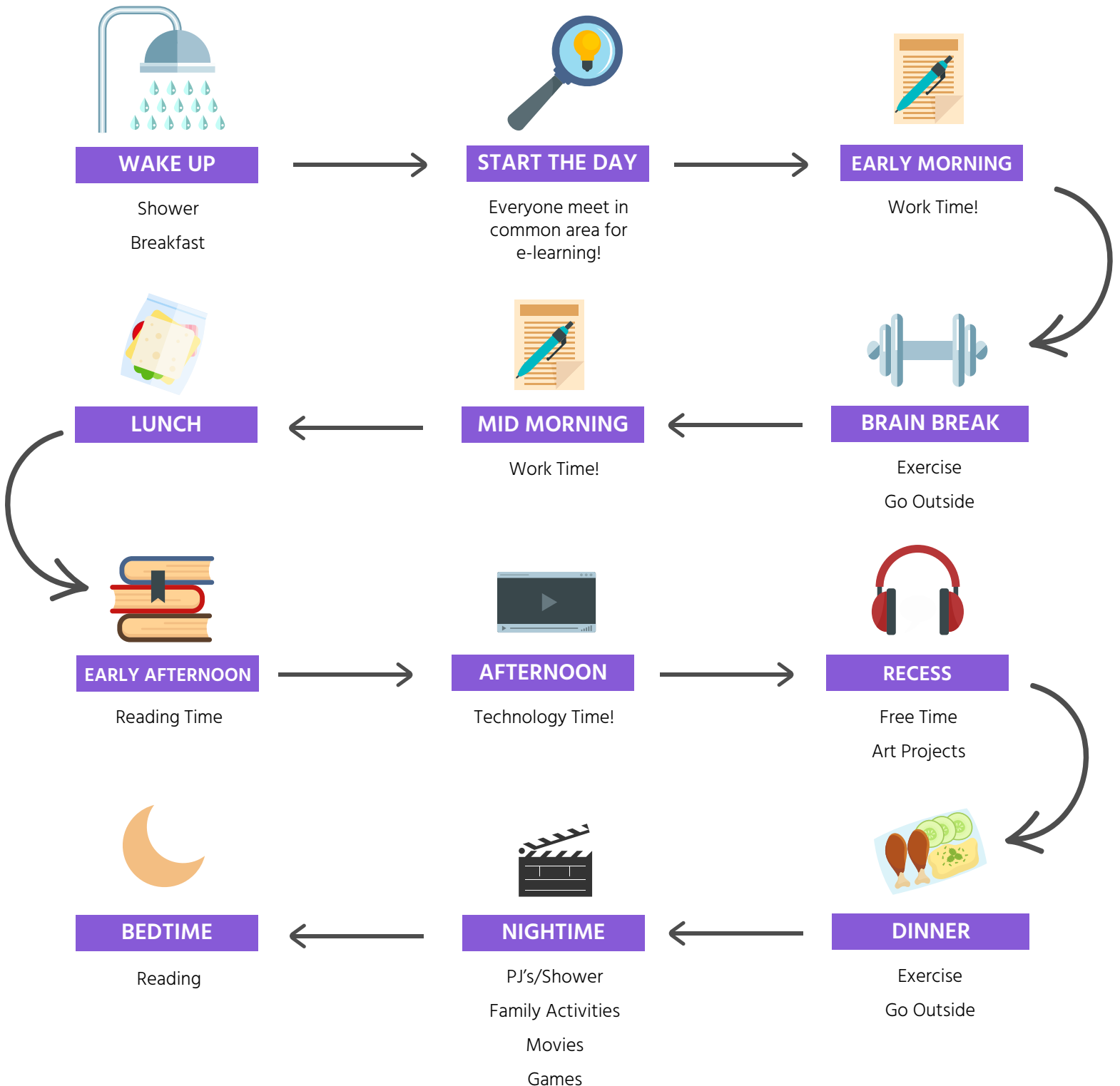




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OUR TOP 10 ACTIVITIES FOR TODDLERS THIS WEEK

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!

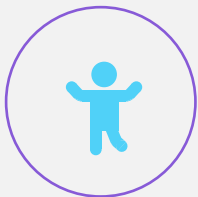
Step 2- You know your child and their tendency to put things in their mouths. This will mean some of these activities, while great for some kiddos, may not be for others without more parent supervision. This is an opportunity to teach them "not everything should go in their mouth". But, I will provide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



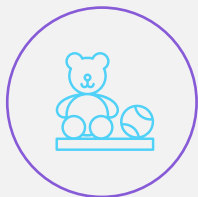
Chalk paint Popsicles

Grate sidewalk chalk. Place the grated chalk inside ice trays. Add water and popsicle sticks to the tray. Placing aluminum foil on top of the tray and inserting the sticks into the small holes you make will allow the sticks to stand up rather than lean. Place the tray in the refrigerator. Enjoy painting the driveway.



Busy Toddler shares 40 activities for one year olds

She encourages you to leave some of these activities out to allow them to move about. Share your favorite activities. We would love to hear from you.



Free the toys

This is a great way to entertain your child on a hot day. Place the small toy of your choice inside an ice tray. If you are wanting to reinforce the alphabet you could place magnet alphabet letters inside the ice trays. Fill it with water and put it in the freezer. Remove the "ice" and let your babe free the items from the ice. Once they are free they can line them up, put them into containers, let them swim in a bucket. If you use alphabet letters and have an older toddler playing along too, they can make an alphabet soup as you say the letter sounds. Be creative.



Make washable window paint

Enjoy making a colorful window. Later, let them help you wash it off with a sponge and warm water. You might add a scrub brush too.

OUR TOP 10 ACTIVITIES FOR TODDLERS THIS WEEK



Puzzle egg hunt

Place puzzle pieces inside the plastic eggs. Hide the eggs and go on a scavenger hunt with your little one. As they find an egg, open it and have them place the puzzle piece in the puzzle.



Lego Bath

With legos, blocks or your child's favorite toys, let them take a bath. Put on kid friendly music and work next to them while they play.



123: Learn to Count with Songs and Rhymes

Making a bus or creating a seedling tray are great creative ways to play. You can also practice fine motor control by placing pom poms into holes you have created in an egg carton. Enjoy!



Ways to play with an egg carton

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Garden fun

Let your little one help you pick up sticks in the yard, make mulch piles or help you weed. With a little instruction you will be surprised how helpful they can be. It also gets the entire family outside. Enjoy it!



Puddle Jump

Has it rained where you are? If it does rain, let your little one get messy. Put on their rain boots and let them jump in and explore puddles.

PREK-1 BINGO BOARD WEEK 4

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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 students in your child's class.
4. Come up with an age-appropriate way to celebrate the person who gets bingo first!

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L	E	A	R	N
<p>Letter Magic Raising Dragons encourages children to practice their letters as they enjoy a spray bottle, chalk and the outside.</p>	<p>Magic Breaking Pencil <u>Life Over C's</u> share fun science experiments to wow children. Enjoy.</p>	<p>Run and find Spread out the alphabet (or numbers or sight words or shapes or leave them blank and just do colors). This encourages your kiddos to move and learn at the same time. Follow Busy Toddler on instagram.</p>	<p>Build It! Can you make a bubble maker? Make it and enjoy making bubbles.</p>	<p>A Pom Pom Bath Dump pom poms into a bath. Set up cups or whatever containers you have and let them sort the pom poms by color into different containers. Bring your laptop into the bathroom with you to get some work done. Let them self play while you work.</p>
<p>Life Skills Teach your toddler how to clean. The house still needs to get clean and young hands can actually be really helpful. They love a good spray bottle and vacuum. Window cleaning is a great way to keep them busy.</p>	<p>Mark It! Homemade pizza night. Create a picture out of the toppings and enjoy dinner on a picnic blanket outside. Dinner will taste so much better when they have helped make it.</p>	<p>Fling It! Make your contraption using popsicle sticks, elastic bands (hair ties), a lid/ cap and pom pom balls. A happy child! Cut tape (markers). Let them fling items across the floor as you work and mark the furthest fling.</p>	<p>Name Building Are you working on recognizing the letters in their name? All you need are sticky notes with their letters written on different ones, a piece of large construction paper, tape and a marker. Have them organize the letters in their name multiple times</p>	<p>Light Catchers Cut out the outline of any shape. Here is a Tissue paper sun catcher you could do with July fourth colors Or Glow in the dark egg hunt with battery powered tea lights</p>
<p>Rainbow Travel Let them watch in awe as colors travel and meet one another. Discuss the colors they see. Name them. Go on a scavenger hunt for colors around your house.</p>	<p>Mail a hug Can't see those you want to hug? Mail it!</p>	<p>Free Space!</p>	<p>Best paper airplane Help your toddler <u>make paper airplanes</u> and then fly them around the house. Let them have 10 attempts to fly their plane the furthest. Teach them how to tally on a whiteboard or paper as they make their 10 trial attempts.</p>	<p>Tell a story Go on a scavenger hunt for five different objects in your home. Model how to tell a story using the objects. Then let your toddler take a turn. Repeat this activity with different objects. Do this activity after having read a story to them. It will help them tell a story as they mimic an author. Watch their imagination take over.</p>
<p>Launch It! Make a launcher with pom poms, a plastic solo cup and a balloon. Get ready for hours of fun.</p>	<p>Wiggle It! Workout or dance out your wiggles to well known songs (Bingo, happy and you know it...)</p>	<p>Follow! Follow Raising Dragons and complete her Alphabet Scavenger Hunt. With a younger child you could break the hunt into parts over the week and have them find certain letters on a given day.</p>	<p>Make fruit roll ups together. Watch the video together and have them make a healthy snack with you.</p>	<p>Backyard Camping A picnic dinner, a book in a tent. Maybe a homemade family game of "The Story Goes like this." See instructions below.</p>
<p>Make a piggy bank Encourage your little one to save their money in a piggy bank. Make it like you would a pinata or make and stuff a pinata for a child's birthday party.</p>	<p>Colors Explore colors with your little one in a new way.</p>	<p>Aquarium live feed Who doesn't enjoy an aquarium visit with a little one?</p>	<p>Bookful 3D animation makes reading come to life. Try it out and tell us what you think.</p>	<p>Shaving cream & water To have extra independent play time, combine this activity with a tub of warm water they can get into outside. Add their favorite toy. If it is a doll, let them draw with their doll, give the doll a bath. Let them rinse off too.</p>

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Letter Magic

Supplies- A spray bottle, chalk and an outside fence, concrete or walk.

Instructions- Take chalk and write uppercase and lowercase letters on the surface in sidewalk chalk. Put on music (ideally abc music that they listen to). As they hear the letter let them find it and spray the letter (make the letter vanish). You or a sibling could call out a letter as they attempt to find it and spray it.

Magic Breaking Pencil

Supplies- A pencil, Vegetable oil, Glass and Water

Instructions- Fill a glass (half with water and half with oil). Tell your kids you will break the pencil, using nothing but your mind. Lower the pencil in the water, then slowly rotate/ turn it until it looks broken from the side. Your kids will be surprised you broke the pencil.

Run and Find

Supplies- Colored paper, tape and a marker.

Instructions- Fold a piece of construction paper into quarters and cut it (to create four separate pieces of paper). Repeat this step until you have 26 pieces of paper (enough to write an alphabet letter on each piece of paper). Stick the letters up around the house in a few rooms. Do an alphabet walk around the house. Find and tap different letters. You could call out the sound of the letter as they tap it.

Build It!

Supplies- 8oz water bottle, scissors, wash-rag, elastic band, dishwashing liquid, water.

Instructions- Cut the bottom off each bottle. Use scissors to cut across the base of the bottle. Only remove the bottom quarter portion of the bottle so your child will have enough room inside the bottle to blow into the wash-rag or fabric. Create a circle on the washcloth or fabric. Cut a large circle that can be placed at the bottom of the bottle and held tight with the use of a rubber band. The fabric or rag will need to overlap the bottle enough for the band to hold it in place, so cut with plenty of room left. Bubble liquid- Combine two parts regular dishwashing liquid (not the type used for automatic dishwashers though) to one part water. The water used can be warm or cold. Gently mix the liquids together without creating froth or bubbles. Dip the fabric end of the bubble maker into the soapy water mixture. Allow the fabric to absorb the soap and water without over-soaking the fabric.

Fling It!

Supplies- Popsicle sticks, elastic bands (hair bands if you don't have elastic bands), glue gun, lid to a water bottle and pom poms.

Instructions- Stack or pile 3-5 popsicle sticks on top of one another. Place an elastic band around the popsicle sticks. Across that pile, place a popsicle stick at the top and then on the bottom. Place an elastic band at the end. Follow the video for a visual as you make this. You might need to reinforce this elastic with a glue gun. Catapult the pom pom as far as you can using the device you made. Mark the distance and compete with a family member.

TODDLER ACTIVITY SUPPLIES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Light Catchers

Supplies- Contact paper, tissue paper and scissors.

Instructions- Cut out the outline of any shape you choose out of the contact paper. Cut tissue paper colors into small squares or strips and create a colorful tissue paper pile for your child. Take off the back of the contact paper. Have your child place the tissue paper all over the shape. Place the light catcher up in a window to enjoy the color.

Rainbow Travel

Supplies- Two tall glasses of water filled halfway, a paper towel sheet and washable crayola markers.

Instructions- Fold a paper towel in half lengthwise. Cut the long slender piece you made into two equal parts. Color different colors of the rainbow onto the edges (about an inch) on the sides of the paper towel (make them identical). Watch the video before you color to ensure you are doing it correctly. Stick the edge of each side of the paper towel into each glass of water. Watch the colors move to meet one another.

Mail a Hug

Supplies- Large Construction Paper, markers and an envelope to mail it.

Instructions- Have your child lay on top of the paper with their hands open wide forming a T. Draw around them (as if they are opening their arms wide to hug). Let them decorate/ draw themselves inside the outline. Mail it to someone you care about with the words, "I miss you when you are far away. I would love to see you everyday. But since I can't come over to play, I am mailing you a hug today." Or take a picture of their creation and send the picture to the person you love.

Make a piggy bank

Supplies- Balloon, newspaper cut into long inch strips, two cups of flour, two cups of water and one tablespoon of salt.

Instructions- Encourage your little one to save their money in a piggy bank by having them make the piggy bank. Make the piggy bank like you would a pinata. Follow the video step by step instructions. Be sure to do the first layer, let it dry (balance the balloon on something), then add a second layer of newspaper dipped in the mixture. Let this dry and then let them have fun painting the pig. Pop the balloon and take it out of the center. Widen the back hole where you took the balloon out. You could cut the top of a plastic jar off and hot glue this to the back of the pig so they can easily take out their money. Cut an opening for a coin on the top of the pig to allow them to insert the money inside it.

Backyard Camping- The Story Goes Like this!

Supplies- 10 sheets of paper, stapler, markers, crayons and music.

Instructions- Take 10 sheets of printer paper, fold them over and staple the edge to create a "book." Make one for each family member. Then get the whole family together (after a meal) and give each person his or her book to work on. Have a good supply of pencils, markers and crayons so everyone can draw a cover, come up with a title and write a story on the inside pages. Younger family members can illustrate their books with drawings. Listen to some music as you work and tell everyone to let their imaginations run wild. When the books are completed, pass them around so everyone can enjoy the family's new homemade library or have each person read his or her book to the rest of the family.

ELEMENTARY BINGO BOARD WEEK 4

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<p><u>Compare its size</u> Do you know the size of the place you live? How does it compare to other places in the world? Compare the size of places that interest you.</p> <p><u>OutSchool</u> looks at supporting you and your interests. With online virtual classes on a variety of topics. Have fun and share what class you took @choosefiradio.</p> <p><u>Business</u> Find and read the picture book, <u>What To Do With An Idea?</u> by Kobi Yamada Start to think about your own business using steps discussed at "<u>The Simple Startup</u>". Be sure to share your business ideas with us.</p> <p><u>Read!</u> Read a book or picture book in an under the table hammock you create with a table cloth or curtain. Write a book review, and email it to a family member or friend.</p>	<p><u>Dance It</u> Have a "glow stick dance it challenge" with your family. Practice a dance routine. Then stick glow sticks on yourself, turn off the lights and perform to your family. Have fun.</p> <p><u>Learn it with bluprint</u> Have you ever wanted to learn how to knit, crochet, sew and more? Well now is the time with free interactive tutorial videos. Tell us what you decide to make.</p> <p><u>Launch It!</u> Launch a plastic egg rocket. Have you got Easter Eggs in your house? Use them to make and launch a rocket into the air. Caution- It's an outside activity.</p> <p><u>Make origami</u> puppets and put on a play with the characters you make.</p>	<p><u>Hot and Cold Water Experiment</u> The DadLab brings great science experiments to life Or Try it yourself! <u>10 science</u> experiments that will amaze you.</p> <p><u>Free Space!</u></p> <p><u>Feeling Creative!</u> Take a look at the <u>42 animals out of pipe cleaners</u> suggestions. Try to make some of your own creations.</p> <p><u>Indoor Wiggles</u> <u>Balloon indoor tennis</u> will get your indoor wiggles out. Have fun.</p>	<p><u>Egg Drop</u> Build a contraption that will prevent an egg from breaking.</p> <p><u>Farkle</u> Learn how to play the game and teach it to a sibling or family member.</p> <p><u>Poetry</u> Listen to <u>50 classic children's poems</u> and then write your own poem. Bonus if it is a poem about money. Be sure to share your poems with ChooseFI @ChooseFiRadio.</p> <p><u>Choose one</u> of the <u>15 games to play with a paper and pencil</u> and play.</p>	<p><u>Friend Bookclub</u> Read or listen to a book with a friend from school. Hop on Zoom to discuss the different chapters in the book and encourage each other to continue to read. Discuss the characters and how they might be changing over time. Summarize a chapter. Make a comic strip to describe a chapter.</p> <p><u>Butterfly Cam</u> Visit the <u>San Diego Zoo Safari</u> and watch the live butterfly cam. <u>Research Butterflies</u> in this exhibit. Sketch your favorite butterfly and choose to make a craft offered on the site.</p> <p><u>Green Fingers</u> Try one of these gardening tips. Plant something and watch it grow. Let us know how it goes.</p> <p><u>Run It!</u> Run a mile three times this week. Time yourself and try to improve your time. Encourage a family member to run with you.</p>

6-12 BINGO BOARD WEEK 4

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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Practice your <u>photography skills</u> inside or outside.	Get active outside for 20 minutes a day for FIVE days!	Write messages of inspiration or fun trivia facts on your sidewalk or driveway.	Try out a new recipe and pay attention to fractions, time, and other math involved!	Draw a picture or write a letter to a friend or family member. Drop it in the mail!
Choose a skill or talent you have (or want) and research ways to improve. Work on it for at least 15 minutes each day.	Play math games in a virtual world with <u>Prodigy</u> .	Listen to a podcast or audiobook for at least 15 minutes each day.	Brush up on your geography skills with <u>these games</u> and then brainstorm a list of places you'd love to visit when you're older.	Do 3 sets of these <u>exercises for teens</u> or create your own at-home workout!
Play <u>Hit the Road</u> to learn more about debt, spending, and other money matters.	Learn more about <u>skilled trades</u> to see what you might enjoy.	Free Space!	Sing, dance, draw, make music, write a poem, or do something else every day to unlock your creative side.	Teach a family member how to do something in person or create an online tutorial for a relative or friend using Google Hangouts or Zoom.
Explore the <u>Civil Rights Trail</u> virtually and then share any new information with a family member.	Learn more about science or any other subject using <u>HippoCampus</u> .	Check out <u>BreakoutEDU Fun @ Home</u> options for 6-8 or 9-12 grades.	Pick an <u>Hour of Code</u> activity to try out.	Check out <u>My Next Move</u> to see what you might want to do for a living.
Read a book or different articles for 20 minutes every day and then share what you liked or didn't with someone else.	Test your knowledge of the world with <u>TerraClues</u> .	Play <u>Payback</u> to see how your choices after high school can influence your life.	Make a list of 10 things you eat each week, take your best guess at what they cost, and then use a weekly store ad to check your answers.	<u>Calculate how much water</u> you use each day and then research ways to reduce your water use.

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

Join us in the Accidental Homeschoolers Facebook group for more ideas and to brainstorm together!

HERE ARE THE ACTIVITY BOARDS FOR THE WEEKS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Week One

Week Two

Week Three