SAFE, HEALTHY & READY TO LEARN ACTIVITY CHART
Being Healthy is Critical to School Readiness; Young children who are healthy and safe are more prepared for school.

Directions: Circle the time you spend with your child each day working on the activities provided below based on our Head Start Regulations and written curriculum. **Return this form to your child’s teacher by May 15th** to receive one (1) Parent Buck.

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1. Check these boxes
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2. Check the Washed Hands box if your child washed hands at appropriate times that day.
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3. Touch your shoulders, then your knees, then your toes 10 times.

4. Turn off the TV during meals and share some family time eating a meal together. Take a walk with your family after dinner.
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5. At breakfast, talk about what you plan to do today?
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6. Do 10 Jumping Jacks and 10 push ups
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7. Redo your child’s favorite activity.
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8. Love your heart
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   - At dinner talk about what you did today.

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10. How long should you wash your hands?
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    - Sing the ABC song while you wash your hands. (20 seconds)

11. Take a walk with your child and talk! Walking encourages conversation and bonding and they get much needed Vitamin D from the sunshine.
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12. Do 10 Jumping Jacks and 10 push ups
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13. Redo your child’s favorite activity.
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14. Love your heart
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Parent’s Name (Please Print) __________________________________________ Parent/Guardian Signature __________________________________________

Staff Distributing Parent Bucks __________________________ Date __________________________

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### Reading Activities #’s

1. **Read the title of the book to your child.** Ask them to predict what the book might be about.
2. **After reading the story, discuss with your child what happened first, next and last.** Use pictures in the story to help them.
3. Ask them if they were the author of the book, what they would have named the book.
4. **After reading have your child draw a picture related to the story.** Use the back of this page for their drawing.
5. Have your child look at the cover of the book. Ask them to describe what they are seeing in the picture and what clues the cover might be telling them about the story.
6. **Infant & Toddlers Only –** Allow your child to manipulate the pages of soft or cardboard books, show & point to pictures in book.
7. **Take “Picture Walk” through the book looking at each page and having the child describe what they see and think is happening in the book.**
8. While reading identify familiar letters or numbers with your child
9. **Discuss with your child what the author and illustrator of the book do.**
10. Ask your child what they liked most about the book and what they liked least about the book.

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**Please sign your Literacy Reading Log and return it in your child’s book bag upon completion for (1) Parent Buck. Maximum # of books is 12 per week, per household.**

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**Head Start Child #1 (Please Print)**

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**Parent/Guardian (Please Print)**

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**Staff Distributing Parent Bucks (Please Print)**

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**DSP Office Use Only:**

**Objective:** Language 10, Cognitive 12, Literacy 15, 16, 17 and Math 20

**Area of Entry:** Family

**Total Hrs. _________**

**Date: ________ DSP Initials: __________**
### Directions:
Circle the time you spend with your child on each activity 15, 30 or 45 minutes. Return the form in your child’s book bag monthly. Upon receipt of the completed form, your name will be entered into a monthly drawing for a $10 gift certificate. Four winning names will be announced at the monthly Policy Council Meeting. The activities used for this calendar are taken from The Creative Curriculum. The italicized word indicates how the activity aligns with the essential domain from the Head Start Child Early Learning Outcomes Framework & our School Readiness Goals.

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<td>Place a box filled with different sizes of cans and containers out for you and your child to play with.</td>
<td>Place prepared cupcakes or cookies and a variety of toppings such as frosting, sprinkles, etc., encourage your child to decorate the cupcakes or cookies in their own way. Provide small plastic knives to spread their frosting. They will be creative in their decorating as they use their hands and fingers in spreading the frosting and adding the sprinkles as toppings.</td>
<td>Use various materials such as wrapping paper, construction paper, fabric, cardboard from cereal boxes or foil. Cut different size circles, squares, and triangles from the materials. Place all of the shapes in the center of a table or on the floor. Assist your toddler using glue or tape to put their shapes on a larger sheet of paper. Talk about the different shapes they are using as they put them on the larger sheet of paper.</td>
<td>Older toddlers can grow bean sprouts in a small plastic bag. Dampen a paper towel and place it inside the plastic bag. Ask your child to place dried beans on the paper towel. Close the bag and label it with your child’s name and date. Hang this in the window or on a wall close to light. Check the bag regularly to see if the beans have sprouted. Discuss the growth of the spout with your child.</td>
<td>Use pictures of animals cut from magazines. Glue or tape the pictures to index cards or paper. Play a game with your toddler taking turns choosing a picture of an animal. Pretend to be whatever animal you have chosen. Example: If a picture of a dog is picked, then you or your child should bark. If a picture of a duck is chosen, then you or your child should quack.</td>
<td>Use several plastic eggs, egg cartons and a small plastic basket. Demonstrate to your child how the eggs are placed in the carton. Place a small basket of eggs and several cartons for your child to place the eggs in the cartons and take them out again. They will enjoy repetition as they strengthen their eye-hand coordination.</td>
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Classroom: ____________________  □ AM  □ PM  Child’s Name: ____________________

#7 Literacy
Cooking a Pizza
Your child can help you make a pizza. Use purchased or homemade dough or a sliced English Muffin. Allow your child to spread pizza sauce on the dough or muffin, sprinkle shredded cheese, and choose from a variety of different toppings such as pepperoni, cooked hamburger meat, etc. Bake or toast the pizza (adults only) Your child will enjoy eating their pizza creation.

#8 Cognitive
Body Sounds
Ask your toddler to find ways to make music with their bodies, such as clapping their hands or legs, stomping their feet, flapping their arms, and any other movement that creates a sound. Encourage your child to use the sounds to create music and patterns of rhythm. They will continue to investigate sounds they can produce.

#9 Social-Emotional
Feeling Faces Chart
Learning to recognize feelings is an important milestone in your child’s social emotional development. Using paper draw three to four simple pictures of faces that show emotions your child may experience. One face could be smiling, one sad, and another sleepy or scared. Talk with your child about how they are feeling. Use simple words such as, “I see you are feeling sad because you didn’t get to play with your favorite truck today. Maybe you will have another chance tomorrow.”

#10 Literacy
Treasure Box
Use a cardboard box with a lid and give your child the opportunity to decorate the box with a variety of materials such as paper scraps, foil, stickers, etc. This helps your child know that the box contains a very special item just for them. Select a book to place inside the box. Read the book with your child. Select a different book each day or week to place inside your child’s special treasure box.

#11 Physical
Beach Balls
Beach balls provide a fun and different way to promote gross motor development. They are especially good for toddlers to use because of the softness and size. Demonstrate to your child how to roll, kick, pinch, bounce, and throw the beach ball. Using a beach towel or large towel, show your toddler how to hold the edge of the towel to make the ball bounce and dance in the air.

#12 Mathematics
Garages for Parking
Create garages from shoeboxes or medium sized boxes to store small cars, trucks, and various small vehicles with wheels. Cut an opening in the front of the box that is large enough for the toy vehicle to enter. Older toddlers can roll the toys with wheels into the garage and bring them out again. This activity helps develop an awareness of one-to-one correspondence one car, one garage.

List activity #: ____________________________________________________________

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#13 Cognitive Big and Little
Use songs/poems that have big and little concepts. Make up movements to go with the words. Demonstrate the movements and encourage them to imitate you.
Example: Giants and Elves
See the giants big and tall, hear them bellow, hear them call. Life looks different from up so high, with head and shoulders clear up to the sky, And at their feet they can barely see the little people so very tiny. Who scurry about with hardly a care, avoiding enormous feet placed here and there. Together they dwell, the giants and elves in peace and harmony, among themselves.

#14 Physical Finger Food
One of the best activities to encourage grasp and finger release is finger foods. Begin by spreading large crackers on a plate. After your child has accomplished the challenge of picking up the crackers, progress to dry cereal such as cheerios, or small pieces of cooked vegetables on a plate. Finally give them a small plastic bowl or container with finger foods. Getting the food into their mouth is the best reward!

#15 Language Rolling Photos
Use a large oatmeal container with the lid. Use photos or pictures cut from magazines. Tape the photos or magazine pictures to the container. Slowly roll the container away from your child. This will encourage them to move towards the container. Talk about what they are doing: “You are crawling toward the container. You are walking toward the container. You are getting closer. You are almost there.”

#16 Cognitive Experimenting and Playing
When introducing water play to young children, first focus on playing and experimenting with the water. Only have a few items for them to use at first such as a few cups of various sizes for pouring, large spoons for dipping, and plastic soda bottles. During this time young children begin to understand water and how it moves. Use words to describe what they are doing: “You are pouring the water into the tub, you are dipping the water using the spoon”. Add additional excitement by sing different food colors to the water.

#17 Literacy Object Identification
Select books with simple, realistic drawings that are not too cluttered. While you are reading with your child, encourage them to point to pictures. Questions such as, “Show me the cow,” or “Where is the tree?” will involve your child in noticing the drawings and illustrations in the book. Remember sometimes toddlers have short attention spans, so don’t strain story time by asking too many questions.

#18 Social Emotional Daily Routines
Redo your child’s favorite activity or an activity that focuses on a skill your child needs to improve.

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#19 Physical Ball Play  
Use large rubber or plastic lightweight balls. Sit on the floor a few feet away from your child. Roll the ball to him/her. Ask them to roll the ball back to you. At first, the ball may accidentally slip from their hands, but keep encouraging them to keep trying. Sing or describe their motions as you play: “You rolled the ball to me. I rolled the ball to you. You rolled it fast. You rolled it slow. You caught the ball, etc.”

#20 Literacy My First Family Album  
Use photos of the people in your family. Make a family photo album. Use a small inexpensive photo album or plastic bags. You can also glue the photos to heavy paper. It is best to only use one photo per page. Label each picture. Turn the pages slowly for an infant and name each family member. This may become your child’s favorite book.

#21 Social-Emotional Peek-a-Boo  
Use scraps of fabric that are large enough to cover your child’s eyes. You can also use transparent material such as netting or translucent scarves as this will be very interesting because they will still be able to see you. For small infants, this is a great activity to use on the changing table as they will imitate your actions.

#22 Physical Move Outside  
Take items outside for a new experience. Take push toys, balls, and cardboard boxes that are easy to carry. Place blankets on grassy areas. Talk about the grass, the trees, the birds, and the sunshine. Allow your child to explore the outside.

#23 Language Musical Chants  
Children enjoy listening to and echoing repetitive phrases. Chants that are not sung, but simply spoken in a rhythm are very interesting to the young child who is just beginning to talk. Example: Peas porridge hot, Peas porridge cold, Peas porridge in the pot, nine days old.

#24 Physical Making Box Blocks  
Use a variety of different size cardboard boxes. Make sure the openings are taped shut. You can cover the boxes with wrapping paper, fabric, or keep them natural. Place the locks on the floor for your child to explore and manipulate. Demonstrate to your child how to stack the blocks or rearrange them in different orders, such as smallest to largest. Use your words to describe what you are doing. Redo your child’s favorite activity or an activity that focuses on a skill your child needs to improve.

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