1. Ask your child, “If you could go anywhere, where would you go, and why?” Together, learn more about this location.

2. Look at a photo in the newspaper today with your child. Talk about it. Then read the article together.

3. Have your child choose a new unit of measurement. How many fingers long is her desk? How many pencils long is the hall?

4. Take an early morning walk with your child. Notice signs of spring.

5. Challenge your child to start a neighborhood newsletter.

6. At the grocery store, have your child estimate how many bell peppers are in two pounds. Use the scales to check.

7. Tell your child a story about when he was a baby.

8. Have your child look at her reflection on the back of a shiny metal spoon. How does it make her appear?

9. Ask your child what he thinks the world will be like in 10 years.

10. Have your child draw on paper with a white candle. The picture will magically appear when your child paints over it with watercolors.

11. Try a new sport with your child.

12. Encourage your child to put on a puppet show. You provide the popcorn and the applause.

13. Have your child place a piece of paper on a tree trunk and rub with a crayon to see the pattern in the tree’s bark.

14. Let your child see you keep your temper when you are angry. Talk about how you feel instead of yelling.

15. Ask your child to add up all the change in your pocket or purse.

16. Have your child complete this sentence: “I’m getting better at ... .”

17. Suggest that your child design a new cover for her favorite book.

18. At the library, help your child check out a book on insects. Together, find and identify some in your backyard or a nearby park.

19. Make it a compliment day! Encourage family members to give lots of genuine compliments.

20. Hide pennies around your home. Give your child a bag and have him find as many as he can.

21. Have your child hold her nose while she eats. Does it affect the taste?

22. Look at photos from a year ago. Your child will be amazed at how much he has grown!

23. Play a board game with your child that uses math, such as Monopoly.

24. Show your child how to call 911 in an emergency. Practice what to say.

25. Have your child look through magazines and newspapers for 90-degree angles, then create a collage of these angles.


27. Enjoy some outdoor exercise with your child.

28. Use a flashlight to write words on the ceiling of a darkened room. Can your child guess what they are?

29. Role-play a difficult situation your child may face.

30. Let your child decorate a piece of cardboard to make a bookmark.

31. Ask your child, “What if dogs could fly?”