



Books by the Bushel

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Give your child a cup. Have them go around the house finding objects that are bigger or smaller than the cup.						1 Think of words that start with S (like September).
2 Celebrate Skyscraper Day tomorrow by stacking blocks and see who can build the higher tower before they fall over	3 Labor Day Skyscraper Day	4 Turn on one of your child's favorite songs. How does it make them feel?	5 Cheese Pizza Day Make a pizza together!	6 Read A Book Day! Read your favorite bedtime story	7 Fill a large bowl with water. Collect small items, such as a crayon, a spoon, a rock, etc. Have your child guess if they will sink or float. Then find out!	8 Go outside and choose nature items (leaves, pine cones). Glue them to the inside of a shoe box lid for a nature shadow box
9 Grandparent's Day Rosh Hashanah Begins at sundown	10 Sing "Where is Thumbkin?" and do the motions (see song lyrics)	11 Make Your Bed Day See who can make their bed the fastest and the neatest	12 Chocolate Milkshake Day	13 Write letters on white paper. Then have your child trace each letter several times with different colored pencils.	14 Tell your child a story about something surprising that happened.	15 Hispanic Heritage Month Begins Make A Hat Day
16 National Play Doh Day- see recipe Form letters with Play Doh	17 Paint a picture by dipping Q-tips into paint	18 Take turns playing Simon Says	19 Talk Like A Pirate Day Read a pirate themed book	20 Read a rhyming story. Then, re-read the story, leaving out the last word of every other line of the rhyme. Let your child fill in the last word in the rhyme.	21 Play a game of musical chairs, but use pillows instead of chairs.	22 Go on a treasure hunt. Pretend you are a pirate and use some of your pirate words.
23 Autumn Begins Let your child help you decorate for fall	24 Read a story with your child and make a recording of it (let your child read parts of the story). Let your child listen to the recording and read along by themselves.	25 Blow up a small balloon. Put fall color paint in a pie pan and dip the balloon in the paint. Using construction paper, paint a fall picture.	26 Johnny Appleseed Day Soak a cotton ball in water, place an apple seed in it and place in a cup. Set in a sunny window. How many days until it sprouts?	27 Play "Go Fish," "Old Maid," "Memory," or other matching games using homemade letter cards.	28 Native American Day	29 With tape/chalk, create a hopscotch game. Put a picture in each square. Call out a word, and have your child hop to the square with the rhyming word

Where is Thumbkin?

<https://youtu.be/bRNDu3O2VQY>

Where is Thumbkin?
Where is Thumbkin?
Here I am!
Here I am!

How are you today, sir?
Very well, I thank you.
Run and Play.
Run and Play.

Where is Pointer?
Where is Pointer?
Here I am!
Here I am!

How are you today, sir?
Very well, I thank you.
Run and Play.
Run and Play.

Where is Middleman?
Where is Middleman?
Here I am!
Here I am!

How are you today, sir?
Very well, I thank you.
Run and Play.
Run and Play.

Where is Ringman?
Where is Ringman?
Here I am!
Here I am!

How are you today, sir?
Very well, I thank you.
Run and Play.
Run and Play.

Where is Pinkie?
Where is Pinkie?
Here I am!

How are you today, sir?
Very well, I thank you.
Run and Play.
Run and Play.



Home Made Play Dough Recipe

Playdough (aka Play-doh) is easy to make at home, and fun for kids of all ages. Here's how to make your own non-toxic toy with custom colors and fragrances.

Warning: Keep away from dogs and other pets. Playdough smells like people food but contains lots of salt, and a hungry dog can eat enough to cause a dangerous salt imbalance.

Step 1: Ingredients

2 cups flour

2 cups warm water

1 cup salt

2 Tablespoons vegetable oil

1 Tablespoon cream of tartar (optional for improved elasticity)

food coloring (liquid, powder, or unsweetened Kool-Aid or similar drink mix)

scented oils

Step 2: Mix and heat

Mix all of the ingredients together, and stir over low heat. The dough will begin to thicken until it resembles mashed potatoes.



When the dough pulls away from the sides and clumps in the center, as shown below, remove the pan from heat and allow the dough to cool enough to handle.



IMPORTANT NOTE: if your playdough is still sticky, you simply need to cook it longer!
Keep stirring and cooking until the dough is dry and feels like playdough.

Step 3: Knead & color

Turn the dough out onto a clean counter or silicone mat, and knead vigorously until it becomes silky-smooth. Divide the dough into balls for coloring.



Make a divot in the center of the ball, and drop some food coloring¹ in.* Fold the dough over, working the food color through the body of the playdough, trying to keep the raw dye away from your hands and the counter. You can use gloves, a big ziplock bag, or plastic wrap at this stage to keep your hands clean- only the concentrated dye will color your skin, so as soon as it's worked in bare hands are fine.



Work the dye through, adding more as necessary to achieve your chosen color.

*If you use Kool-Aid or similar unsweetened drink mix for color, test on a small ball first- it won't go as far as the "real" food coloring.

Step 4: Play and store

When you're done, store your playdough in an air-tight container. You can also bake it in the oven to make hard dough figures and ornaments, then paint or otherwise decorate the surface.

