

Welcome to the Fall Learning Fair! Here is a small list of a variety of easy activities that can be made for cheap, or free!

Counting Cards

Print counting cards (or make your own using stickers, etc.) and laminate. Children can count with small items such as **plastic creatures**, bingo chips, buttons, or coins.

Ladybug Matching Game

Trace the outline of a ladybug on **poster board** and glue on colored circles. Laminate. Stick on **Velcro** to poster board and spare circles.

Color Wheel

Use die cuts (such as those available for use at the MISD Teacher's Workshop) to cut circle fractions. Glue to poster board. Color **clothespins** with corresponding colors.

Color Sorting Bags

Glue colored paper to **brown lunch bags** and write names of colors on them. Gather an assortment of small toys from around the room to sort into the bags.

Giant Ice Cube

Freeze water in a Tupperware bowl with no lid. Add toys or other objects in the water to later find.

Ice Cube Balloon

Fill a **balloon** with water and set in the freezer. When it is completely frozen, remove the balloon and you have a big ball of ice. Pour salt over it to see what happens!

Glue Salt Art

Use glue bottles to draw a picture. Dip in a tray of **salt**. Add food coloring to water to create a water paint mix to paint over the salt.

Gloop

1 cup of Elmer's white glue
3/4 cup of warm water
1/2 tsp of Borax
Food coloring (optional)

Homemade Crayons

Peel off crayon wrappers. Break **crayons** into thirds. Add pieces to silicon muffin tins. Put in heated oven until melted. Remove and let cool off. Create a masterpiece.

Puffy Paint

Mix two tablespoons of washable tempera paint and 1/3 cup of white glue. Add two cups of non-menthol shaving cream. Put in **squeeze bottles**.

Felt Stories

Free hand draw pictures onto **felt** and cut out. OR, print clip art from online, color, laminate, and hot glue to felt. Then cut out and use to go along with any story.

Bean Bag Toss

Draw images onto sturdy **foam poster board**. Cut out shapes to toss into. Paint and let dry.

Who's Here Chart

Decorate as desired and laminate. Cut **envelopes** in half and glue on to make pockets, OR use **Velcro** on poster board and on name tags.

ABC Cards

Glue die cut alphabet onto paper and laminate.

Dinosaur Dig

Add to sand table- **Plastic dinosaur skeletons**, **wooden dinosaur bone puzzle**, variety of brushes and other "paleontologist" tools.

Donut Shop

Use this as a transition activity. (For example, going from large group time to washing hands.) Laminate colored paper and cut out donut shapes.

Chant:

Down around the corner

At the bakery shop

There were lots of little donuts

With Sugar on top

Along came (NAME) all alone

S/he picked up a (COLOR) one

And skipped on home

Chalk Paint

Put **chalk** in **sandwich baggies** and smush into dust. Add chalk dust to reusable containers and add water and brushes to paint the sidewalk with.

PomPom Jars

Clean out any empty plastic container with a lid, and cut out circles in the lid big enough to put pompoms in.

File Folder Games

Great for matching colors, learning numbers, etc.

Matching Cards

Print pictures that can be matched together, glue to colored paper, and laminate.

Example include: matching clothes to body parts, baby animals to adult animals, and insides and outsides of foods.

Here are a few places in the Macomb area that always have great things for low prices: (Check end of season clearance, half off sales, discounts, etc. for the best prices!)

Dollar Stores

Dollar Tree

40805 Garfield Rd
Clinton Township, MI 48038

51361 Gratiot Ave.
Chesterfield, MI 48051

13477 Hall Rd

Utica, MI 48315

Dollar Tower

47049 Gratiot Avenue
Chesterfield, MI 48051

Dollar General

15361 17 Mile Rd.
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Thrift Stores

Salvation Army

34150 Gratiot Avenue
CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI

31015 Harper St.
SAINT CLAIR SHORES, MI

45250 Northpointe Blvd.
UTICA, MI

35170 Dodge Park Road
STERLING HEIGHTS, MI

45550 Van Dyke
UTICA, MI

823 Auburn Rd.
ROCHESTER, MI

Community Thrift

37545 South Gratiot Avenue
Clinton Township, MI 48036

Value World

33955 Gratiot Road
Clinton Township, MI. 48035

Sunshine Thrift Store

37665 South Gratiot Ave
Clinton Township, MI 48036

Second Hand Rose

158 South Main Street
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Other

Target

20877 Hall Rd
Macomb, MI 48044

51400 Gratiot Ave
Chesterfield, MI 48051

13221 Hall Rd
Shelby Township, MI 48315

Walmart

18400 Hall Rd
Clinton Township, MI 48038

45400 Marketplace Blvd
Chesterfield, MI 48051

Lakeshore Learning

12210 Hall Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

MISD Teacher's Workshop

44001 Garfield Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038