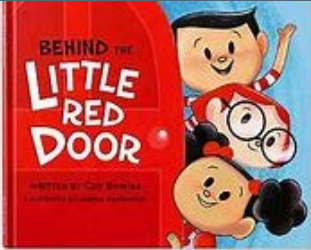


# AKA Summer Activity Weekly Guide

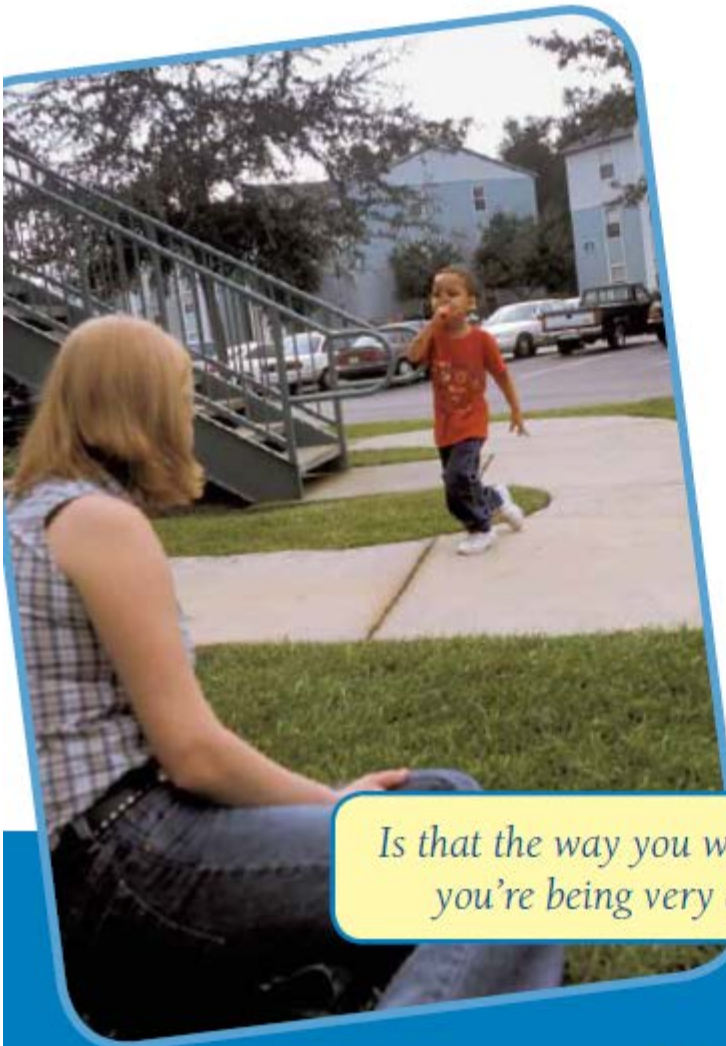
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## OVERVIEW:

Young children build school readiness skills through meaningful everyday play and authentic experiences. Use this activity guide for fun summer learning.

<b>BOOK</b>	Behind the Little Red Door <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QsAJ9hpdNwI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QsAJ9hpdNwI</a>	
<b>SONG</b>	Imagination Song <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCbIMljmT6U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCbIMljmT6U</a>	
<b>GROSS MOTOR</b>	How Do You Walk When Game 181	
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Color and Number Cards Game 188	
<b>SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SUPPORT</b>	Offer Limited, Reasonable Choices: Most children are not born with the built-in ability to make decisions and then accept the consequences. In order for your child to learn to take personal responsibility they will need plenty of support and practice. <a href="http://www.cainclusion.org">www.cainclusion.org</a>	

# How Do You Walk When...?



Ask your child if he can express some feelings such as tired or rushed in the way he walks.

Your child will use his imagination to express through words and actions his ideas about feelings

*Is that the way you walk when you're being very quiet?*



## Why this is important

When you give your child the opportunity to act out what he imagines, he will learn that exploring his imagination is acceptable behavior. Through imagining we work with, or manipulate, ideas instead of objects. Later, his imagination will carry him beyond his familiar world and allow him to think about places he's never been and solutions to problems that haven't happened yet.

## What you do

- Walk in a silly way past your child. When he seems curious, tell him: *I'm walking like I'm dizzy.*
- Invite him to play a walking game. Explain that you will ask him about a new way to walk, and he will answer by walking that way.
- Ask the question the same way each time: *How do you walk when you are*
  - lost?*
  - rushed?*
  - tired?*
  - very old?*
  - very young?*
  - excited?*
- Encourage him to close his eyes, think about how he might feel, and then walk that way.
- Empathize when the task is too difficult. Offer an alternative that he may be more familiar with:  
*Yes, it is hard to imagine sometimes, isn't it? Can you imagine feeling excited instead?*

## Another idea

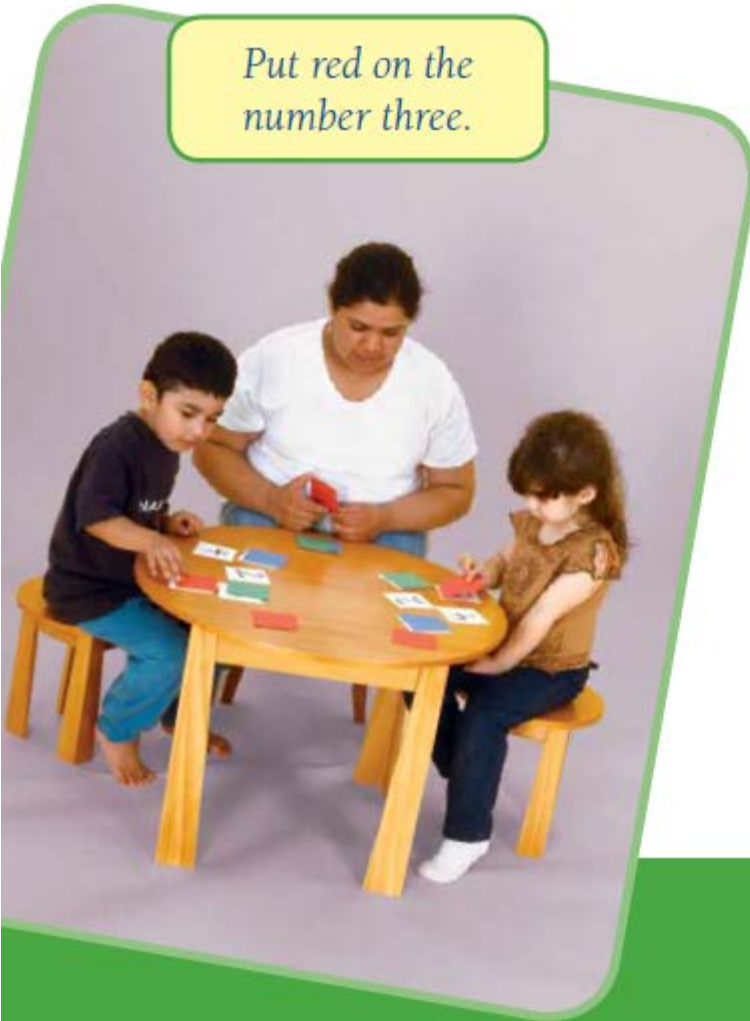
Invite your child to imagine animals walking in various ways. For example, a lost bird, a tired elephant, an old monkey, etc.

### Let's read together!

*Glad Monster, Sad Monster*  
by Anne Miranda

# Color and Number Cards

*Put red on the number three.*



Let your child and a playmate follow directions that contain color and number words and sometimes have more than one step.

Your child will have more experiences with precise directions, like these, in school and in life.

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## Why this is important

By now, your 4-year-old child recognizes most color words and some number words and probably uses some of them in daily conversation. However, he will need practice to understand these words when they are included in a set of school-like directions. Practice in quickly identifying numbers and letters on paper prepares your child to later learn to read.

## What you do

- Invite your child and a friend to play a game with you. Tell the children they will need to listen carefully and remember their colors and numbers.
- Give each child a set of small cards to spread out on the table. Each card should have a color or number printed on it. Start with just three colors and the numbers one through five.
- Ask questions that encourage them to recognize colors and numbers. A few examples are:

*Put your finger on the number two.*

*Pick up the red card.*

*Put one, two, and three in a row.*

*Hand me two colors.*

*Can you touch red? Three? Blue? One?*

- Offer enthusiastic encouragement during the game: *Good listening! You followed all three parts of that direction!*

### Let's read together!

*A Color of His Own*  
by Leo Lionni

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## Ready to move on?

Change the game by adding more colors and numbers. You can also add letter cards to make the game more challenging.