



## About Me

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My Name Is \_\_\_\_\_

I Am \_\_\_\_\_ Years Old | I Will Be In \_\_\_\_\_ Grade

My fav place to play outside \_\_\_\_\_

My nearest playground is \_\_\_\_\_

My Library is \_\_\_\_\_

My neighbors' names are \_\_\_\_\_

My school buddies' names are \_\_\_\_\_

## On My Own

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### 10-Minute Action Hero [PASTE STAMP HERE]

Can you find things around your home to keep you interested and busy for 10 minutes at a time — no more, no less? Set a timer if you like!

### Eco-Art Masterpiece Maker [PASTE STAMP HERE]

Dig into your recycling. What can you make out of the boxes, plastic containers and junk mail? What's the biggest thing you can build? What's the smallest?

## At My Home

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### Super Sing-Songmaker [PASTE STAMP HERE]

Rewrite the lyrics to "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" for each person in your family, changing the "Row" to their favorite activity. Plan a performance for your next meal together!

### Time Capsule Commander [PASTE STAMP HERE]

Make a summer time capsule at the beginning of the season. Write yourself a letter with favorite school memories and put it in a box with a few favorite school supplies. Just before school starts, open it up!

Do this quick scavenger hunt in the blocks around your home. Can you find:  
• 3 things that are your favorite color  
• 3 things that start with the same letters as your name (first, last or bonus points for both)  
• 3 of the following shapes: A heart, triangle, hexagon, oval or pentagon

### 'Round Town Explorer [PASTE STAMP HERE]

Ask a neighbor to teach you a dance move from when they were your age, and practice it with them

### Movin' & Groovin' Buddy [PASTE STAMP HERE]

## In My Neighborhood

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Before going to the library, make paper bookmarks with friendly notes and colorful drawings, then put them in books on shelves for the next reader to find as a surprise.

### Surprise Smilemaker [PASTE STAMP HERE]

Ask a parent or older sibling (or the librarian!) what was their favorite book at your age and check it out!

### Flashback Fave Reader [PASTE STAMP HERE]

## At My Park

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### Leaf-and-Twig Artiste [PASTE STAMP HERE]

Collect twigs and leaves, then bring them home. Glue them onto paper to make a picture or portrait, adding details with markers and crayons.

### X-Marks-the-Pun Hunter [PASTE STAMP HERE]

Bring a friend and small toys that you wouldn't mind giving away, with each of you splitting up to hide them throughout the park. Draw treasure maps, swap, and see who can find the most goodies.

## At My Playground

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### Jump-Climb-Shine Superstar [PASTE STAMP HERE]

Plan an obstacle course that uses as many playground structures as possible, and challenge a buddy to follow you all the way through. Take turns being the leader!

### All-Around Champ [PASTE STAMP HERE]

Find the highest/lowest/biggest spaces in your playground. Can you climb to the highest point? Hide under the lowest? Run as fast as you can from one end to the other — and then beat your time?

## At My Library

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# PARENT GUIDE

It's summer, and that means lots of free time for kids — and lots for parents to figure out in terms of making sure everyone's busy and happy! Keep your kid engaged and curious (with a little less screen time in the mix) with the Summer Badge Grab: activities and ideas for summer fun and learning.

## Here's what to do:

**Step 1:** Assemble the My Summer Badge Grab booklet according to the instructions to the right, and cut out all 12 badges at the bottom of this page.

**Step 2:** Fill out the first page with your child, identifying places and people that you approve of and where your child feels safe. You can even go for a test run, visiting locations and chatting with neighbors.

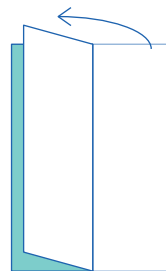
**Step 3:** Have your child choose and do an activity or two every week, and let them be in charge of earning all the badges [below]. As they complete an activity, cut out a badge and paste it in their booklet.

## Things to know:

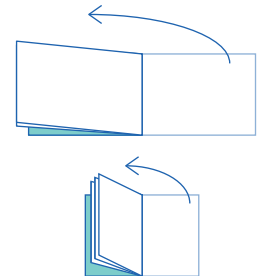
- **Independence is key.** These activities are intended to allow your child to choose their way forward, and to build confidence and resilience along the way. You can join them for some, but encourage them to take on other activities on their own.
- **If your kid complains about being bored, let them be bored!** It encourages them to think about what they enjoy, and create ways to fill their time. The best answer you can give them is: "I know you're bored... but you can fix it."
- **If your child loves a particular activity, let them do it as many times as they like!** These activities were chosen not just to encourage curiosity and creativity, but also to appeal to a broad range of intelligences — so that each kid can find their own favorite things to do.

## Assembly instructions

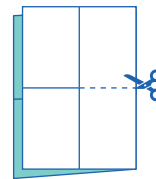
**Step 1:** Print activity sheet. Make sure your printer page size settings are set to **fit to sheet**. Cut out booklet on dotted line along all 4 edges. Take care to cut as evenly as you can to ensure all the pages line up.



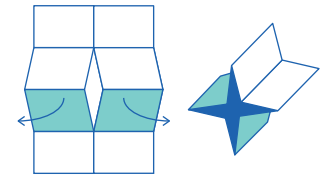
**Step 2:** Turn sheet over so blank side is facing you. Fold in half lengthwise.



**Step 3:** Rotate sheet and fold in half lengthwise. Repeat and fold in half again.



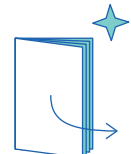
**Step 4:** Unfold and lay sheet sideways face up. There should be 8 panels. Fold sheet over in the middle. Cut along dotted line.



**Step 5:** Unfold and gently pull middle sections out, folding in half as you go. It should look like a cross from the side.



**Step 6:** Lay sheet on table so one side of cross is flat.



**Step 7:** Fold in half, so that the cover faces up. Apply firm pressure along the crease.

