



## TOY SELECTION GUIDE

For 6-10 year olds (2017 edition)

Dear Parents,

Holiday time is here and we would like to offer suggestions regarding toy selection for your children. The following list of toys and games were chosen because of their ability to promote skill development and they are fun to play! You may need to use your judgment when choosing the most appropriate level of an activity relative to your child's age, attention span and complexity of the task. Your child may require assistance and/or supervision to play a specific game. Just a reminder too, some of the toys may require supervised use due to small parts, especially if younger siblings are present.

Have a wonderful holiday and enjoy the playtime that you share with your children!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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Check your local stores or their websites first; they are stocking more unique toys and games than ever before. For example: CVS, Target, Toys R Us, Walmart- now stock a wide selection of Crayola and Melissa & Doug (M&D) toys. Michael's, Walmart and Target have some craft and science kits.

- !!! [www.specialneedstoys.com](http://www.specialneedstoys.com) (games, toys, sensory)
- @ [www.ForSmallHands.com](http://www.ForSmallHands.com) (Montessori inspired toys, cooking, self-help, home and yard items)
- \* [www.hearthsong.com](http://www.hearthsong.com) (lots of gross motor, vestibular and toys w/ LEDs)
- ^ [www.YoungExplorers.com](http://www.YoungExplorers.com)
- + [www.Mindware.com](http://www.Mindware.com) (best collection of tracing, dot-dot, mazes, graphing, science, food kits)
- # [www.museumtour.com](http://www.museumtour.com) (educational toys primarily, a few for 4-5 year olds)
- ++ [www.beyondplay.com](http://www.beyondplay.com) (sensory, fine motor, gross motor)
- & [www.ttgo.com](http://www.ttgo.com) (Toys to Grow On)
- \$ [www.onestepahead.com](http://www.onestepahead.com) (mini household play tools, larger toys, fitness equipment, Minecraft toy sets)
- %% [www.lakeshorelearning.com](http://www.lakeshorelearning.com) (lots of preschool toys, play food)
- = [www.Chinaberry.com](http://www.Chinaberry.com) (unique, new toys)
- { }
- { } [www.Learn365.com](http://www.Learn365.com) (educational and craft materials)
- { } [www.OrientalTrading.com](http://www.OrientalTrading.com) (educational and craft materials)
- \$\$ [www.orbfactory.com](http://www.orbfactory.com) (magnetic, sticky mosaic games and crafts)
- @@ [www.greentoys.com](http://www.greentoys.com) (quality toys made from recyclable materials)
- >> [www.marblesthebrainstore.com](http://www.marblesthebrainstore.com)
- == [www.smartgames.com](http://www.smartgames.com)
- !! [www.fatbraintoy.com](http://www.fatbraintoy.com) (educational toys and games)
- \*\* [www.LearningResources.com](http://www.LearningResources.com)
- ^^ [www.EducationalInsight.com](http://www.EducationalInsight.com)
- == [www.Abilitations.com](http://www.Abilitations.com) (special ed resource; sensory, fidgets, grippers, gross motor, think-n-roll)
- K [www.Klutz.com](http://www.Klutz.com)

The following companies are now selling awesome science oriented activities such as: electronic kits, ice cream, cupcake, lip balm, soap and candy making kits, science experiments (ex: slime lab, grow crystals), perfume maker, cat and dog treat maker, mining for fossils, geodes and gemstones, Dig It Up Dinosaur/Fairy/Sea Life/Bug/Wild Animals Eggs, energy tech kits, robotics, terrariums, yard stones, mini Lava Lamps, make your own kaleidoscope, etc. These are excellent for addressing fine motor, visual motor, visual perceptual and perceptual motor skills, but your child will need adult assistance and/or supervision

- [www.mindware.com](http://www.mindware.com)
- [www.museumtour.com](http://www.museumtour.com)
- [www.YoungExplorers.com](http://www.YoungExplorers.com)
- [www.museumtour.com](http://www.museumtour.com)
- [www.marblesthebrainstore.com](http://www.marblesthebrainstore.com)

Walmart has some science kits. They also have a new Spark, Create, Imagine (SCI) line for Kindergarteners (colors, shapes, #'s, animals, ABCs)



**Gross Motor**-Refers to large muscle movements. These toys enhance balance, eye-hand coordination and motor planning.

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|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Blockables+   | Kablocks+                   | Anywhere Slide^                 |
| Dr. Seuss Super Stretchy ABC  | Joey Jump@                  | baseball tee                    |
| Colorful Hop Sacks*   | Wii Fit                     | Fun Fly Stick=                  |
| Tilt-A-Maze Puzzle Game^  | Stomp Walkers^              | Wobble Deck+                    |
| Golf Pool Game*   | Sky Ripperz Kit#            | Marble Aim Carpet*              |
| Speed Stacks#   | Inline Training Skates*     | Twister                         |
| Mini trampoline   | jump rope*^ LED jump rope#^ | Super Skipper                   |
| climbing sets, swings*  | tents/tunnels               | croquet                         |
| Koosh & Nerf balls  | Velcro mitt/balls           | Bubble Thing =                  |
| Roller Racer/Flying Turtle {  | Stomp Rocket Jump Rocket#   | Moon Shoes#^                    |
| Bungee Jumper*^   | Zoom Ball                   | Pogo Sticks#+*                  |
| Hot Potato  | hula hoop* (all types)      | hopscotch rug %%*               |
| yoga & exercise tapes   | Oh Go Outside^              | Razor Scooter                   |
| Jai alai scoops   | Kick Croquet*               | Dance Maker^                    |
| Chicken Limbo   | Giraffe-A-Laff Limbo        | Frisbee                         |
| Hyper Dash  | hockey, soccer, golf equip. | I Can Do That +                 |
| Beaded jump rope  | Hippity Hop or Hop Ball*    | Stilts#                         |
| My First Archery  | Z-Curve Bow and Arrows*     | Surefire Bow^                   |
| Deluxe Archery Set w/Target^  | Parachute Play ^ {} %%      | Bicycles, scooters              |
| Marble Aim Carpet* OGO Sport Disk Set^  | Jungle Jumperound*          | Wonder Maze#                    |
| Velcro target games   | floor darts/horseshoes      | Powerband Hockey*               |
| Egg & Spoon Race game!  | Bowling pins                | Giant Bowling Game*             |
| Dance Dance Revolution#   | Wall Coaster Marble Run*    | Giant Pipe Builders%%           |
| Pass the Pigs   | Zoom Ball                   | Forward Pass                    |
| Accordion^  | 2-in-1 Skipper^             | Super Skipper                   |
| Geomate Jr. Geocaching Starter Kit#   |                             | adjustable basketball hoop      |
| Great Big Outdoor Play balls *#   |                             | Play & Freeze Ice Cream Maker+  |
| Tabletop Mini C Steel Pan Steel Drum*   |                             | Light Up Gliding Soccer ball^*+ |
| Dr. Seuss The Cat in the Hat I Can Do That card game                            |                             | Large size Pass the Pigs        |
| Wall Coaster Ultimate Marble Run* or Weird & Wacky Contraption Lab*             |                             |                                 |
| Giant Floor Piano* or FAO Schwarz Floor Piano (at Toys r Us) or giant Keyboard* |                             |                                 |
| Play Tape (reusable roadway tape for trains, cars)@=                            |                             | Walkie Chalk                    |
| Super Sidewalk Mandala Stencil and Chalks set*                                  |                             | Leap and Launch Rocket**        |
| NinjaKids Backyard Obstacle Course ^  |                             | OGO Sport Disk Game^            |



**Tactile**-Refers to games, items that involve texture, pressure, vibration of some type.

Touchable Bubbles%%  
 Make Your Own Snowflakes Kit\*  
 Young Artist's Toolbox%%  
 Melting snowman kit (Michael's)  
 Floam, Gak, Smud  
 Vibrating Pillows, sleeping bag  
 Orbeez and other water beads  
 Bath tub crayons  
 Finger/hand puppets  
 Stikki Wikkis  
 Snowtime Anytime\*  
 Knot-A-Quilt^\*  
 Do Art Pottery Studio#  
 Magnetic Construction Sets +\*#  
 Draw in the tub (Alex)  
 Floof (snowman maker)  
 Squiggle Writer or Spyro Gyro Art Kit+  
 Moon Sand/Living Sand/Kinetic Sand/Sands Alive/Space Sand  
 tactile (feelie) game The Mystery Box and Guessing Game%%  
 Inflatable Easel with paints\*

Changing color putty\*  
 foam soap  
 mini massagers toys  
 Air-Dry Puffy paints%%  
 Crayola Model Magic  
 finger/sponge paint  
 Playdoh /accessories  
 water toys  
 Velcro toys  
 arts & crafts  
 Insta Sno  
 Slimy, Sticky, Silly Stuff#  
 Bubble Thing=  
 Beeswax Candle Rolling Kit\*  
 Bath writers (Alex)  
 water beads  
 Space

magnetic putty  
 Sticky Mosaics  
 Body Sox  
 Design Rollers%%&  
 Glitter Gel for bodies  
 Ned's Head  
 Scented Dough%%  
 bean bag chairs  
 sand box toys%%  
 Pin Art\*  
 Indoor snowballs<<  
 Bristle Blocks%%  
 Slinky  
 Sand Art  
 GelliBaff=  
 Snowman sand or putty  
 Dig It Up Eggs+  
 Fluffables+



**Body Awareness**-Refers to knowledge of body parts..

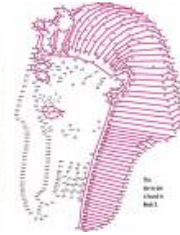
Face painting	Cat's Cradle	Yoga & exercise tapes	Body Doodlers@
Balance balls	Wings*	Twister/Twister Moves	Hair Chalk Salon^
Hula Hoops	Guess Who	puppets	Fantasy or Butterfly
Chicken Limbo	nail polish	Body Boggle	body part puzzles
Light Up Gloves*		M&D Magnutto Make a Mood!!	
Super Finger Flashlights*/Fiber Optic Laser Fingers=			

**Fine Motor-** Refers to hand skills. These toys will enhance manipulation, pinch patterns, dexterity, bimanual (two-handed) skills and finger strength and endurance.

- Snap-Bots%%
- Crayola Marker Airbrush
- M&D Stretch & Match
- Magnetic Building Blocks{}
- Touchable Bubbles%%
- Dig It Up Dinosaur Eggs+
- Create-A-Light \*
- Lego sets
- Pick-Up Sticks
- Tap-A-Shape
- action figures
- arts & crafts
- Trouble
- Flippity Flops ()
- Kerplunk or Honey Bee Tree
- lacing activities
- Fascination
- Bead kits
- Magnadoodles
- puppets
- Don't Break the Ice
- Knot-A-Quilt !\*
- Speed Stacks#
- Pop Rockets=
- Sky Ripperz Kit#
- Connectagons\*
- Domino Rally or Big Top
- Sea-Scope\* or Aquascope
- Amazing sparkling Spindles\*
- Air Dry Puffy paints %%
- Lite Brite/Lite Art/Lumino\$
- BBQ Blitz^^
- Holiday Poppers\*
- Beeswax Candle Rolling Kit\*
- Magnetic Construction Kits\*+
- M&D latches board
- Unlock it Number Match
- Miniature music boxes\*
- Peel & Stick Stained Glass kit (Target, Walmart)
- Squeaky Snacky Squirrel/Shelby's Snack Shack/Frida's Fruit Fiesta Game
- Imaginarium Activity bottles and kit (similar to Dot Art, but smaller diameter bottle)
- Tumble Trax Marble Run\*\*
- My Super Knot Quilt Kit^
- View Masters
- Magic Window (moving sand art)
- Tie Dye kits (Walmart/Michael's)
- Slinky
- Rainbow Mosaic Pattern Puzzles+
- Marble Aim Carpet\*
- Tricky Fingers
- Playdoh kits
- Dot Art/stickers
- Toobers & Zots
- Transformers
- Sno-Ball Maker\$\*
- musical instruments
- Squigz\*
- lanyards
- paper airplanes
- mini Bop-It
- Battleship
- Find It#
- Klutz books; Knots, Yo-yos, etc.
- Take-Apart Airplane!
- Make Your Own Snowflakes^
- Sticky Mosaics
- Learning Bots %%
- wind up toys
- Bionicles/Kynex
- Cootie Bug or Beetle Game\*
- Weird & Wacky Contraption Lab\*
- Crazy Bracelets, Crazy Rings #
- Jenga/ Don't Let the Bugs Fall%%
- Magneti Book Build-A-Vehicle@
- Burger Games^ (TRU)
- Design & Drill & other types of drill construction+%%
- Getting Ready To Write Gumball Grab%%
- Inflatable easel w/Paints\*
- String Along lacing kit^
- Play and Freeze Ice Cream Maker\*
- Thumbs Up\*
- 3-Pack Doodle Socks^
- Whirl-O@
- Perfection
- Operation
- Jet Loop Flyers\*
- Uno/card games
- Construction kits
- Crocodile Dentist
- marble games
- mini/travel games
- snap together models
- Puzzles
- Coinstruction
- Snap Circuits+#
- Tech Decks
- Connect Four
- Colorforms
- Disney Color Fillz
- Rainbow Loom
- 16-in-1 Laser Pegs\*
- Cupcake Clutch
- Sno-Paints^
- The Claw gripper
- Puzzle Maker+
- Holiday music boxes =
- Fascination
- Light Up Your Laces#
- Spin Art%%
- Pancake Pileup^
- Learning Locks
- Crazy Cereal







## **Visual Motor**-Refers to eye-hand coordination, pencil and scissors tasks.

Etch A Sketch

M&D Easy **grip** chalk

Air Dry Puffy Paints%%

Fun Fly Stick=

Dick Blitz Cartoon kits

Gel Crayons\*= Silky crayons=-

glitter glue%%

scissors tasks

Squiggle Writer/SpiroGyro pen=

mazes +

Stencils

Crosswords

Mad Libs (holidays and other themes)

Pictionary

Paint and color by number

The Uncoloring Book

Grow-with-Me Art Easel\*

Fashion Design Studio\*

Dot Art & %%

Magnetic Mosaic Picture Maker&

Art Paper center%%

Alex Picture Maker

M&D On the Go Colorblast

Tracing pictures-geometric, Celtic designs, etc.

Keeping score during games -Dino Dice, Pass the Pigs, etc

Rose Art large sidewalk chalk paint pencils & Shake & Roll chalk paint rollers

Glow Crazy Pattern Painter

Crayon Rocks@

Make Your Own Snowflakes Kit\*

mini/special/gel/glitter pencils

funky craft scissors

Roll-on Painters%%

wooden stencils

dot-to-dot, Extreme Dot-Dot+

Amazing LCD ewriter^

Crayola kits, rubbings, etc.

word searches

Magnadoodle with stylus

Boogle

coloring/design tracing books+

Sno-Paints\*

Marble Aim Carpet\*

Air hockey/PowerBand Hockey^

Sticky or Peel and Stick Mosaics

Scratch Art%% and Rainbow Scratch Art%%

Design Rollers %%

Crayola Color Wonder Kits

Fabric markers/window markers



**Visual Perceptual/Perceptual Motor**- Refers to visual discrimination (size, shape, color, patterns, quantity, etc.), spatial relations, memory, 2 & 3-dimensional creations.

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------|
| Fiasco                           | Color Stix               | Quirkle                                 | Clever Castle  |
| Color Code                       | Finders keepers          | Marble Works                            | Rush Hour      |
| Memory Mix Up+                   | Tilt-A-maze Puzzle Game^ | Mental Blox^                            | Kornered       |
| Magnamix+                        | Clever Castle            | Zingo                                   | Design & drill |
| Constructagons*                  | Block Buddies            | Lego creator                            | K'Nex          |
| Bionicles                        | Transformers             | Dominoes                                | Lite Brite     |
| Rush Hour puzzles                | Triominoes               | Battleship                              | Perfection     |
| Find It tubes#                   | Connect Four             | I Spy Eagle Eye^                        | Guess Who      |
| Get the Picture+                 | Imaginets+               | I Spy books                             | Where's Waldo  |
| magnetic shape games             | Take the Cake            | Pix Mix+                                | Spot It        |
| Get the Picture                  | Snap Circuits+#          | Castle Logix                            | Uno            |
| Color Code=                      | Rivers, Roads and Rails  | Finders Keeps (Educa)                   | Simon          |
| Lego Creator and Creationary     | Robot Face Race          | Castle Logix=                           | Pancake Pileup |
| Frankie's Food Truck             |                          | Where's Waldo books                     |                |
| Rainbow Mosaic Pattern Puzzles+  |                          | Sorting Socks Matching and Memory game* |                |
| BBQ Blitz^^                      |                          | Day & Night (smart games)               |                |
| Fox in the Box**                 |                          | Bunny Peek A Boo==                      |                |
| TumbleTrax Magnetic Marble Run** |                          | Jumbo Pipe Connectors{}}                |                |
|                                  |                          | I Spy Frantic Find It Game^             |                |



**Auditory:** Pertains to hearing auditory discrimination and memory.

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Crayola Electronic Tablet^ | Busy City Electronic Activity mat^ | Thunder Shaker!!! |
| Electronic Hot Potato      | Ocean Wave Bead Drum!!!            | Rainmaker!!!      |
| Farm Sound Blocks !!!      | Lollipop Drum!!!                   |                   |



**Proprioception:** Refers to one's awareness of the body's position in space.

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|----------------------------|---------------------|---|----------------------|
| Moon Shoes#                | Mini trampoline#*   | Stilts^   | Spiro Hop*           |
| Pogo Sick ^                | Bungee Jumper       | Hop-A-Roo^                                      | Flingshot Monkey     |
| Stomp Rocket+              | Giant Bowling Game* | Wii Games                                       | Zip lines            |
| Sand Digger*               | Young Archers Set*  | Dance Mats                                      | Twister              |
| Marble Game Carpet*        | tents/tunnels       | Hyper Dash                                      | Body Sox             |
| Marble Aim Carpet*         | Ladders             | Super Skipper                                   | Hopscotch rug        |
| Seesaw                     | Bean Bag chair      | Kick Croquet*                                   | Giant Floor Pianos*  |
| Climbing frames            | swings              | ropes   | Magical Teepee^      |
| Powerband Hockey*          |                     | Wall Coaster                                    | Ultimate Marble Run* |
| Jungle Jumper*             |                     | Road Play Mats and Cars*                        |                      |
| Oversized 3 in 1 Game*     |                     | mini massagers/vibrating toys                   |                      |
| Chicken and Giraffe-a-Laff |                     | Wiggle Writer%% /Squiggle Writer/Spiro Gyro Art |                      |
| Kablocks+                  |                     |   |                      |



**Vestibular-** Refers to balance and movement (registered when head moves).

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Zip Line^+                      | Zip line with seat*           | Moon Walkers^                |
| HugglePod HangOut*              | Jungle Jumper*                | Spiro Hop*\$                 |
| The Wurllybird Flyer*           | Hippity Hop or Hop Balls*     | Spooner Balance Boards=      |
| Tsunami Glider*                 | Super Spin Disc Swing+        | Wobble Deck+                 |
| Rocking Seesaw*                 | Great Big Outdoor Play balls* | Giant Bowling Game*          |
| Inline Training Skates*         | Round-and-Round Swing*        | Triple Wide Climbing Ladder* |
| Rockin' 2-in-1 Hammock*         | Anywhere Slide^               |                              |
| Ninja Backyard Obstacle Course^ |                               |                              |



## Misc. Sensory: Visual and Olfactory (pertains to the sense of smell)

Rainmaker= Rainstick@      Light Show stick =      Going Light Ball=  
Scented Gel Pens%%      Scented pencils (Michael's)      Scented dough  
Sensory Tubes%%      Slinky      Perfume/soap Labs+



## Oral Motor-Refers to the muscles, structures of the mouth.

Whistles, Kazoos & harmonicas      Bubble activities      Touchable Bubbles%%  
Crazy Straws      Flavored chapsticks, lip gloss      Blo Pen  
Toys you blow      Blinky LED Balloons (latex)

## Educational:

### Math:

Inchimals!!      Measure me Activity Center      Graph art books (Scholastic)  
Decimal Destinations+      Division Designs+      Multiplication Mosaics+  
Double digit decoders+      Fraction finders+      Pop for Addition & Subtraction\*\*  
Number Bots%%      Unlock It Number Match%%      Disney Sticker # puzzles  
Zingo 1, 2, 3      Fun To Count Game%%      Addition Adventures  
Gumball Grab%%      Subtraction Secrets      Basic math Wrap ups  
Dot To Dots      Fisharee      Triominos  
Math masterpieces (didix)  
Mystery Picture Math (Scholastic)

### Reading:

Popcorn Letters/sight words/word families & blends  
Zingo Sight Words      Sight Word String Ups (Roylco)  
Sight Word Activity Books      Zingo Word Builder  
Fishing For Word      SightWord Swat \*\*  
Playdoh Shape & Learn numbers and letters

### Handwriting:

Pass the Pigs (small & large)      Zingo      Zingo Word Builder  
Yahtzee      Dino Dice      Jack Straws  
Star Wars Galactic Dice Game      For Get It(Walgreen's)      Mad Libs books

## ABC:

Alphabet Learning Locks%%

Alphabet Zoo

Alphabet Soup%%

Crazy Cereal^^ (educational insights)

Alphapops

Alpha-Bots%%

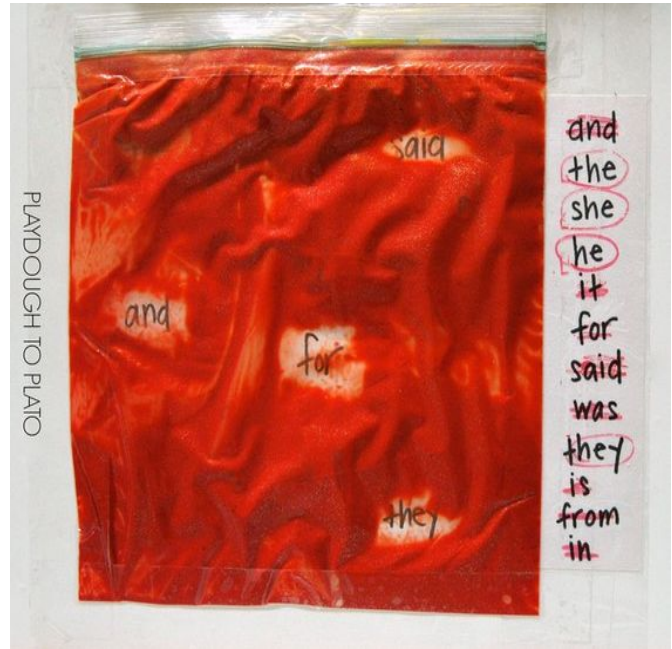
Dino Alphabet (SCI)

Spot It ABC

Frida's Fruit Fiesta Game^^

Dino Match (upper and lower case letters) Walmart

*Have fun !*





# Sight Word Rubbings

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