

Theme: 20 Minute Activity Ideas

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Hello families,

Today's email is put together by Teacher Steven (from Tillicum) and Teacher April.

We understand that sometimes, you just need to have ideas for things to do on any given day and at any time. So today, we are going to give you a few activities that you can use when you're running low on creative juices or just need a filler activity to pass the day.

- **Painting on different surfaces** - like tin foil, cardboard or bubble wrap.
- **Washing toys** - put a paint brush in the sink with some toys and get them to wash them clean! Add soap for extra bubble fun.
- **Chalk painting** - lay out some paper with one-third cup of water. Dip the chalk in the water before using it to draw. It makes it look like paint.
- **Big box drawing** - put the kid in or around a big box with some markers and let that imagination go wild! See photo below.
- **Play eye-spy** - you can do this with colours, letters or shapes. For example, look around and say "I spy something with my little eye that is green". Pick something in your sight that is green and let them guess what it is. For older children you can make it more difficult by saying "I spy something that starts with the letter T, like the sound *tuh-tuh-tuh*". Don't forget to take turns 😊
- **Matching the socks** - get the kids to help with laundry by matching the socks. It's helpful and great for math.
- **Shadow drawing** - lay paper in the sun and put a toy on the sunny side. It'll make a shadow on the paper for you to trace and draw. See photo below.



If you're looking for a little story time, check out Teacher Steven doing a little magic with a colouring book - <https://youtu.be/UCWHm5Tn9as>. Teacher April also has a story to tell about a bunny who has had a very bad day - <https://youtu.be/wdyjz1dQn4U>.

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For Families who are Facebook users – Please follow the Vancouver Public Library – they do a live story time each day at 10am <https://www.facebook.com/vancouverpubliclibrary/>

Let us know what activity you've tried! Stay safe and healthy.

