# Early Childhood Bag Ideas: COVID-19

These ideas are examples of activities that could be put into a zip-top plastic bag and sent home or picked up by families. All printed materials could also be sent digitally to families with access.

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| **Weather**                | **Printed Materials:**  
  - Instruction Sheet with suggested activity ideas  
  - Types of weather response card (using the icons from the classroom)  
  - Identifying the weather for the day and what clothes to wear.  
  - Watching clouds  
  - Keeping track of the weather each day on a calendar  
  - Dramatic play: Pretend to be the wind, rain, etc.  
  - Watch the weather forecast on TV and talk about it                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| **Days of the Week/Daily Schedule** | **Printed Materials:**  
  - Instruction Sheet with suggested activity ideas  
  - Monthly calendar  
  - Days of the week cards  
  - Visual daily schedule  
  - Identifying the day of the week  
  - Talking about the daily schedule and activities  
  - Allow the child to choose the order of the activities for the day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| **Name Recognition**       | **Printed Materials:**  
  - Instruction Sheet with suggested activity ideas  
  - Laminated name card  
  - Print out of name to trace  
  - Tracing name (if appropriate)  
  - Responding to “What’s your name?”  
  - Hide name card in different places in the house for “Hide/Seek”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| **Identifying Feelings**   | **Printed Materials:**  
  - Instruction Sheet with suggested activity ideas  
  - Feelings icon cards/worksheet  
  - Feels the student how they are feeling and allow them to respond verbally or by pointing to a card  
  - Parent identifies how they are feeling  
  - If child is demonstrating emotions, label the emotions for them “Oh, you are crying! Are you sad?”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| **Shapes**                 | **Printed Materials:**  
  - Instruction Sheet with suggested activity ideas  
  - Pattern block shapes to cut out (if needed)  
  - "I Spy: Shapes" mini-book (Example found here:  
  - Pattern block puzzles (Example found here:  
  - Materials from classroom:  
    - Pattern blocks  
    - Crayons  
  - Materials from home:  
    - Blocks  
    - Crayons  
  - Suggested Activities:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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**Number sense**

- **Printed Materials:** Instruction Sheet with suggested activity ideas

**Materials from home or classroom:**
- Dice

**Suggested Activities:**
- Create “Roll One” mini-book
- Roll the dice and then count the number of dots
- Count items in the house (examples: the number of crackers that the student has for snack, number of toy trucks or dolls, etc.)

**Number Recognition**

- **Printed Materials:** Instruction Sheet with suggested activity ideas
- Magnetic numbers
- Number puzzle
- Number cards

**Materials from classroom:**
- Magnetic numbers
- Hopscotch diagram drawn on sidewalk or using masking tape on carpet

**Suggested Activities:**
- Play “I Spy” with numbers
- Ask child to find as many examples of a number as they can
- Create a hopscotch game and have the student say the numbers as they jump or jump to the number you say and stop
- Play matching games with number cards or magnetic numbers
- Complete a number puzzle

**Letter of the Week**

- **Printed Materials:** Instruction Sheet with suggested activity ideas

**Materials from classroom:**
- Foam or magnetic letters
- Cut out letters
- Clay
- Wikki stix

**Materials from home:**
- Foam or magnetic letters
- Shaving cream (to write letter in)

**Suggested Activities:**
- Letter hunt for the letter of the week
- Hide/seek with letter cards
- Make the letter out of clay or wikki stix or write in shaving cream

**Story Time**

- **Printed Materials:** Instruction Sheet with suggested activity ideas
- Coloring page of caterpillar or butterfly

**Materials from classroom:**
- Circle cutouts and construction paper to create a caterpillar • Pompoms

**Materials from home:**
- Cotton balls or plastic cup to create circles
- Paint or food coloring
- Paper

**Suggested Activities:**
- Watch a read aloud of A Very Hungry Caterpillar or read the story at home.
- Color a picture of a butterfly or caterpillar
- Identify fruit or vegetables in your home that the caterpillar might eat
- Create a caterpillar painting or model using cotton balls or pompoms
### Vocabulary Development

**Printed Materials:**
- Instruction Sheet with suggested activity ideas
- Picture/word cards for items at home

**Materials from classroom:**
- PECS or communication device (if needed)

**Suggested Activities:**
- Label common household items with pictures/words
- Encourage student to request items by saying “I want ____” using words or pictures.
- Verbally label items as you use them during the day and have student repeat the name of the item.

### Scissor Skills

**Printed Materials:**
- Instruction Sheet with suggested activity ideas
- Pages of lines/shapes to cut out

**Materials from classroom:**
- Scissors or adaptive scissors

**Materials from home:**
- Scissors
- Tin foil
- Sandpaper
- Paper bags or construction paper

**Suggested Activities:**
- Cut lines/shapes provided by teacher
- Cut out items to create a picture or collage
- Cut tin foil, sandpaper or paper bags

### Beads

**Printed Materials:**
- Instruction Sheet with suggested activity ideas
- Pictures of patterned beads for student to create

**Materials from classroom:**
- Beads
- Strings

**Materials from home:**
- Beads
- Macaroni noodles

**Suggested Activities:**
- String beads to match a picture or model
- String noodles or beads to make a necklace

### Tracing/drawing

**Printed Materials:**
- Instruction Sheet with suggested activity ideas
- Lines/shapes to trace or draw

**Materials from classroom:**
- Crayon or pencil
- Pencil grip (if needed)
- Clay or wikki stix

**Materials from home:**
- Crayon, pencil or marker
- Clay

**Suggested Activities:**
- Trace lines or shapes provided by teacher
- Create a shape with clay or wikki stix and have the student trace it with their finger