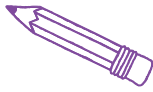


ACTIVITY TIME

Featured Stories Program

books
for
toddlers



GRUG PLAYS CRICKET by Ted Prior

One of our favourite story book characters is back! This summer Grug plays cricket with his good friend Cara. Before the fun can begin there is much to organise. Grug has to mark out the cricket pitch and build a scoreboard. Follow along with Grug and Cara as they play a friendly backyard game of cricket. Discover who bowls first, who makes the first run and who gets bowled out!

Activity Title: Backyard cricket

You will need:

- Cricket stumps template (see attached)
- Crayons
- Sticky tape
- Scissors optional
- Your own bat, or cardboard roll and strong cardboard
- Your own ball, or scrunched alfoil ball.

What to do:

1. Colour and cut out template
2. Choose a place to play. Sticky tape your stumps to a wall, tree or large box
3. If you are making your own bat and ball, use heavy cardboard as the face of the bat and a cardboard roll (from wrapping paper or paper towel) as the handle. You can also roll newspaper and secure with tape to make a bat
4. Mark out your cricket pitch and play!
5. Gently roll the ball and practise hitting with your bat.

More ideas

Active play helps to build healthy brain development. Toddlers need plenty of time to move, by running, jumping, twirling, rolling and crawling. You can encourage movement through activities such as singing and dancing to favourite songs, play games such as musical statues, dancing to music and then FREEZE when the music pauses. Ball games such as throwing, rolling and catching are perfect games to get little bodies moving while building coordination.

STEM Focus: Games with numbers and counting are a great way to build simple maths activities into your daily play routine. Record how many hits you and your child make together, tally them up. Show your child how you can record numbers in different ways, for example writing the numbers, 1,2,3 or lines I, II, III or even dots!

Songs

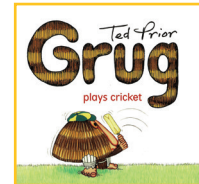
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Turn Around, Dingle Dangle Scarecrow and If You're Happy and You know It.

Key message

Good nutrition, health and exercise is critical.

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Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.

*You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.



