



## AT HOME ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOL AGE

### Language Activities

- Challenge your child to find 5-10 unfamiliar words from the dictionary. Make a list with definitions and then try to incorporate a different word or two into your vocabulary each day. Keep tally marks for how many times the word(s) were used. Challenge yourselves to reach a certain goal.
- Assist your child in reading a favorite story. Ask your child to explain why it is his or her favorite. Research similar books online and suggest other stories he or she might like. Many times, you can find a video reading of children's books online, or maybe you might consider ordering a couple of chapter books to read aloud together.

### Cognitive Activities

- Help your child create a bead maze from Styrofoam, pipe cleaners and large beads. Encourage your child to bend the pipe cleaners into twists and turns before lacing some beads on them. (Your child may want to hook some pipe cleaners together to make longer lengths.) Stick both ends of the pipe cleaners into the Styrofoam. Create several of these and intertwine them. Challenge your child to move the maze from side to side in order to get the beads to move from one end of the pipe cleaners to the other without touching them.

### Creative Arts

- Invite your child to take a walk outside with you. If you see different birds, bugs or other small animals, ask your child to imagine what it would look like if the two animals were mixed together. When you return home ask your child to draw the mixed up creatures.

### Character Essentials

- Encourage your child to think about things he or she can do to help out around the house and write them on cards and place them in a jar. Throughout the day, ask your child to pull a card from the jar and perform the task independently or with help. Be sure to recognize and celebrate your child's efforts.