



Ashley's Angel Gram

Welcome Spring The Great Outdoors

With Daylight Savings already behind us, why not take advantage of the wonderful extra hour of daylight after dinner. There are so many ways to enjoy the great outdoors this time of year.

Here are only a few suggestions for adults and children!

Go for a bike ride.

Visit the park or local playground.

Take a walk, even the family dog will love this one!

Meet the neighbors, this is especially important if you are in a new neighborhood! This will happen naturally while out for a walk.

Play in your own backyard! Make an evening of it bar-b-que some burgers for dinner and play afterwards.

Maybe you're tired after a long hard day of work? What better way to get the kids to bed early than to let them run around outside, give them a bath and put them down 30 minutes early, so you can relax!

On the weekends, pack a picnic lunch and visit your local park. You may be surprised how many of your neighbors do the same thing.

How about having a block party? Plan it at least 30-days in advance maybe planning now for Memorial Day weekend would be perfect! Have everyone bring their own meet and a side dish to share! Assignment paper plates, cups, and napkins to someone and have one neighbor plan some activities for the children or make it adults only and hire teenage babysitters - all parents using the babysitters would pay a flat fee per child! Have them RSVP in advance so you have plenty of teenagers to watch the little ones! Have Fun!

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WAYS TO TELL YOUR CHILD YOU ARE DOING A GOOD JOB!

- Good Work!
- Terrific!
- You did very well!
- You are really working hard!
- Great!
- Good for you!
- Keep it up!
- I'm proud of you!
- That makes me feel good!
- I like that!
- Much better!
- Wonderful!
- Super!



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Read to your child

Here are some very helpful tips to use when you are reading with your child:

Let your child read to you – even if they are reading from the pictures—often

Subscribe to a children's magazine

Provide space for your child's own library

Let your child see you reading.

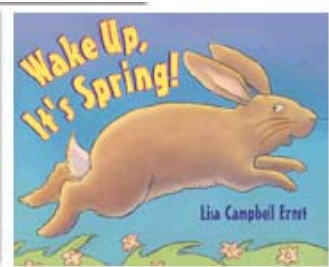
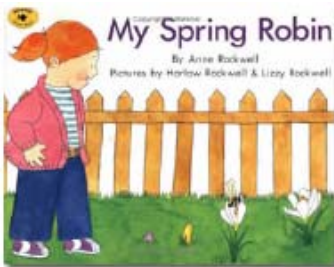
Take your child to the library, get them their own card

Teach your child to respect and care for his/her books

Invite your child to write their own stories by drawing them in a home-made booklet.

Encourage your child to use a children's dictionary to help with their vocabulary and understanding.

April Books



Easter Bunny

Easter Bunny, Easter bunny

(Make bunny ears)

Pink and White, come fill my basket

(Pretend to fill basket)

Overnight

(put head on hands and pretend to sleep)

