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Feb 15, 2021

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Celebrate Presidents’ Day by researching our country’s past and present leaders. Your child might read books or websites to learn about presidents’ children, pets (including dogs, cats … and an alligator), favorite pastimes, and more.

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Feb 16, 2021

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Peer pressure can be a good thing! Talk about people who have influenced you in positive ways. Maybe a neighbor inspired your child to take up roller skating, and a friend who shares healthy recipes has motivated you to eat better.

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Feb 17, 2021

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Instead of correcting grammar or pronunciation when your child makes a mistake (“I saw gooses at the lake”), try this strategy. Simply reply to what your youngster said and use the proper pronunciation. (“How many geese did you see?”)

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Feb 18, 2021

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3-2-1, blast off! Your child can practice counting backward by building a “rocket” out of toilet paper tubes, then counting from 10 to 1 before “blasting off.” Make it more challenging by giving your youngster “missions” like counting down from 81 to 0 by 9s.

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Feb 19, 2021

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Film your child giving a “tour” of your house. It’s good practice for class presentations. Your youngster can walk through each room and describe it in a loud, clear voice. Watch the video together to look for ways to improve, like speaking louder or slower.

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Feb 20, 2021

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Take a walk outside to notice creatures in their surroundings. You might point out a brown deer near a tree trunk or a green frog in the grass. Explain that some animals blend into the background (camouflage) to disguise themselves and stay safe.

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Feb 21, 2021

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"Add more physical activity to your child’s day by encouraging daily recess. The two of you might make a recess bin with items like a jump rope, a hula-hoop, and different types of balls. Join your youngster whenever possible!"