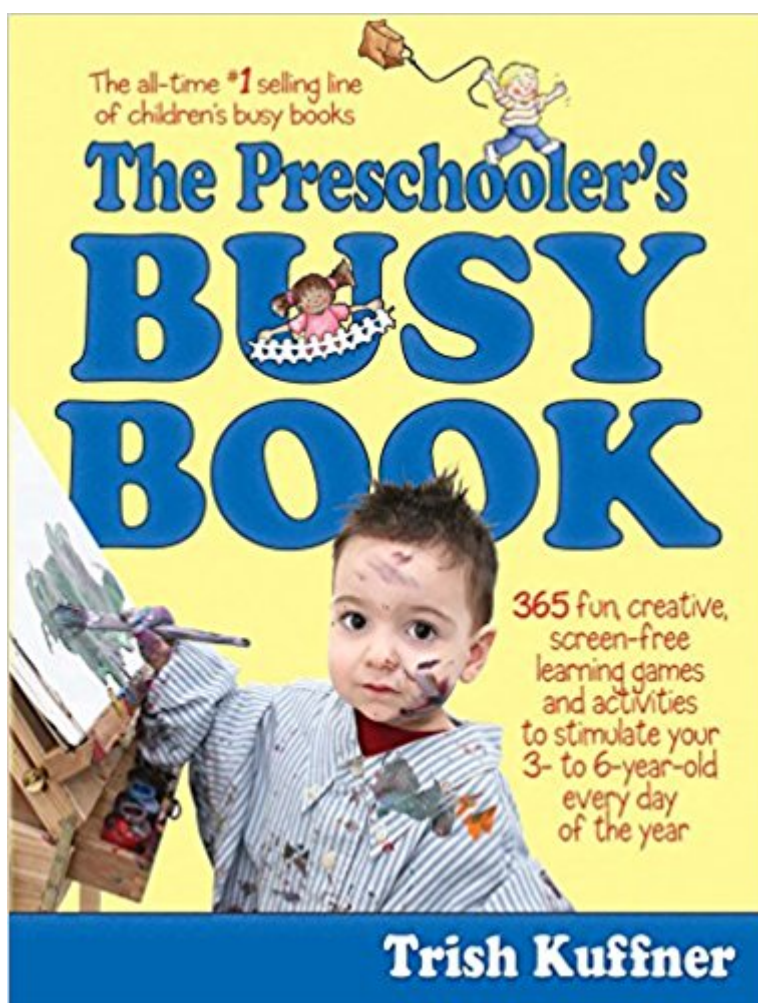


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Preschooler's Busy Book: 365 Creative Games & Activities To Occupy 3-6 Year Olds (Busy Books Series)



Synopsis

The Preschooler's Busy Book should be required reading for anyone raising or teaching preschool-age children, it is written with warmth and sprinkled with humor and insight. Preschooler's Busy Book book contains 365 screen-free activities (one for each day of the year) for three- to six-year-olds using things found around the home. It shows parents, baby-sitters, and day-care providers how to:

- Save money by making your own paints, play dough, craft clays, glue, paste and other arts and crafts supplies.
- Learn how to expand your child's arts and crafts horizons by learning how to print with rollers and sponges, make super goop and silly putty, make a paper-mache piñata, a Chinese lantern, gingerbread people, a jellybean picture, play dough jewelry, spoon people, a pinwheel, a paper bag kite, party hats, an egg-carton butterfly, a noodle necklace, a feather headband, or a paper doll chain.
- Prevent boredom during even the longest stretches of rainy or cold weather with ideas for indoor play like newspaper golf, magnet magic, the listening game, red light/green light, and hand puppets.
- Help children learn to have fun in the kitchen making fruit kebabs, popsicles, homemade peanut butter, a happy-face sandwich, alphabet cookies, animal pancakes, finger Jell-O, popcorn ball creatures, and the best chocolate chip cookies in the whole world.
- Teach your child practical skills like setting the table, putting away the silverware, sorting socks, sewing practice, and carpentry (hammering golf tees into Styrofoam, with a toy hammer).
- Introduce your child to numbers and counting with activities like "One-Two, Buckle My Shoe," telling time, coin and stamp collecting, sorting a mixed-up deck of cards by numbers and learning how to find today's date on a calendar.
- Prepare your child for reading by working on an alphabet puzzle, making alphabet cookies, making an alphabet book, and connecting the dots in alphabetical order to make a picture.
- Get your child started with music and rhythm by making a pie-plate tambourine, keeping the rhythm to a song on the radio with homemade rhythm blocks or shakers, or make music with musical glasses (filled with different amounts of water).
- Get your child moving with circle dances like "Hokey Pokey," "Skip to My Lou," "Ring Around the Rosie," and "London Bridge."
- Encourage your child to enjoy quiet activities like reading wordless picture books, working on puzzles, and watching clouds and then drawing them.
- Introduce children to nature with a variety of outdoor adventures from nature walks and picnics to backyard camping, bird feeding, mud painting and making waxed leaves.
- Start children growing things by planting apple seeds, avocado seeds or garlic cloves; or learning how to grow carrots, beets or sweet potatoes by putting cuttings into water.
- Celebrate holidays

and other occasions with special projects and activities for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Easter and Passover. • Keep children occupied on car trips by playing "I See A-B-C" or reciting "30 Days Hath September."

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Customer Reviews

A fabulous resource! -- Early Childhood News, October 1999
For little hands that are eager for action, "The Preschooler's Busy Book" has multitude of answers. "The Busy Book" will offer hours of entertaining activities for parents and their children. As the years go by and the book becomes worn, no doubt many of the activities will have provided a wealth of fond memories. -- Capital Parent, March 1999
Parents, preschool teachers, and caregivers would all find this book a ready resource for each day of the year. -- BookPage, January 1, 1999
This book is written with warmth and sprinkled with humorous and insightful quotes on life with young children. -- Boise Family, May 1999

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I purchased this book to find more activities to do with my toddler. It is mostly cooking receipes. I was very disappointed. Most of the activities mentioned were things you could go to Target and get like water coloring. If you love to cook with your child, this would be a great book for you. If you actually want activities instead of cooking, keep shopping.

This book is wonderful to pull out on a rainy day. Especially, when I don't want to plop my two preschoolers in front of the television. I like it that most of the activities in this book require simple materials that I already have in my house, making the projects tremendously inexpensive or free. The author has helpful suggestions for independent activities preschoolers can do during the dreaded "witching hour" and also solid suggestions of books preschoolers should be reading from the library. Some of the activities/suggestions are basic, but, my children have enjoyed them regardless. I've purchased this book many times for gifts for my friends, as well. It is a welcome resource and counter-attack to the dreaded "I'm bored, Mommy" comment.

This book will definitely keep the little ones busy.

she has several of these out they are great for a quick look & fun things to do when needed

Kids come home and go straight over to it and start playing.

I didn't think this book was very creative or offered much in the way of new and interesting activities. I haven't actually even picked it back after in the initial scan of it. I was pretty disappointed. That said, if you don't have many ideas of your own to start with, this may be worth looking at.

My son enjoyed some of the activities in the toddler book, so I got this one too and had about the same reaction. There's a lot of good ideas in here to keep kids busy, but a lot of them need prep time. None of the activites they list are hard to do, but there aren't a lot of "spur of the moment" ideas. The best thing to do is to read the entire book, pick out 3-5 activities you think your child(ren) would like, and put the materials for those activities in a set place, like a box or a bin. When the kids get bored with those activities, go back to the book and start over. All in all I like this book series, it's got a lot of great ideas. Just expect to lay a little groundwork...

I bought this because my daughter-in-law and I are scrambling to occupy the mind and energies of

my 3-year-old grandson. But as I scanned more than half of the games and activities included in the book, I realized that most of those I read are incredibly "messy" or just plain dull. Flour painting? Really? Finger paints are a whole lot easier to clean up!!! I was really disappointed in this book. Glad I didn't pay a lot for it.

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