



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Backyard Scrabble: Cut 144 pieces of cardboard that are 12 inch squares. You may paint the letters with any type of paint you have around the house. You will need 2: J,K,Q,X,Z. 3: B,C,F,H,M,P,V,W,Y. 4: G. 5: L. 6: D,S,U. 8: N. 9: T,R. 11: O. 12: I. 13: A. 18: E. This not only makes your brain work, but you are exercising as well! Directions for the game can be found online!
<https://scrabble.hasbro.com/en-us/rules>



Bean Bag Ladder Toss: Grab any type of ladder you have laying around your house! Label each run of a step ladder on paper with points and let the kids try and get as many points as possible by throwing bean bags between the rungs. (If you don't have bean bags, fill up old socks with rice!) You can make it more fun by giving addition and subtraction questions and having them throw it in the correct answer slot!

Lawn Twister: Use a paper plate to make a spinner with a pencil to hold the paper clip in the middle and then use the paper clip to spin to figure out what color you are landing on and what body part must go on that spot! Then cut out a 10 inch circle from an old pizza box to use as a stencil for the spots on the lawn. Then spray paint 4 different colored rows of 6 circles. Feel free to eyeball it! Directions can be found here: <https://www.math.unibielefeld.de/~sillke/Twister/rules/>



Sack Races: Grab an old pillow case and head outside to your lawn! There should be some type of marker for the start line and turning point (stick or cone). There can be as many players/teams as you want! Once the children are inside the pillowcase from waist down, they jump their way to the turning point and make their way back to where they started... they hand off the pillow case and the next teammate goes. Whoever finishes first wins!

Giant Connect 4: Whether it is an old sheet, or a cheap plastic table cloth, use a paper plate to stencil 7 circles across and 6 circles up. You will need 21 black and 21 red plates to fill the circles with. The plates can be colored or painted or bought red/black. Place the sheet on the ground or hang it up for the kids to play! They take turns and try to be the first to get 4 plates of their color in a row!



Ring Toss: You can create a fun ring toss game out of paper plates and wrapping paper rolls! Save your rolls of wrapping paper from the holidays and use them during the summer! Let your children decorate them however they want to with markers, paint, colored pencil, etc. and then take them outside! Use a stick to put in the ground, to hold the wrapping paper roll up straight. Then have a line drawn where the child has to stand to throw the paper plates (rings). Have them play against a friend, the more they get on, the more points they get!