

Fun Ideas for Family Engagement

April

Birds, Bunnies, Chicks, Eggs, Insects, Fruits, Veggies, and Flowers, Oh My!

Celebrate spring's arrival by engaging parents and families with activities that are perfect for warm weather fun. Below are some creative ideas for outdoor early learning experiences to share with families:

Enjoy a Spring Stroll. Take your child for a walk around the neighborhood or a nearby park. Ask them to look for signs of spring such as birds chirping, budding leaves and blooming flowers. Then ask, "What colors do you see?" Provide a clipboard with a pencil attached to a string. Then watch them "document" their discoveries.

On the Hunt for Spring Fun. Drop by one of Maryland's public libraries. Help your children find books about insects. Show them how to look up different types of bugs. Next, move the fun outdoors for a bug scavenger hunt. Take pictures and help them create a scrapbook of their discoveries.

Berry Delicious Fun. Take a family trip to a [local farm](#) to pick fresh berries. Don't forget to bring a basket. The children can count the number of berries they collect.

Create a Greener Earth. In honor of Earth Day, ask your child to help you sort plastics, papers, and cans. Sorting is an important school readiness skill.

Get Down and Dirty. Children love to play in the dirt and watch things grow. Plant [a garden](#) or pot with flowers, tomatoes, or green beans. Learn about nature together as you take care of the plants.

Take a "Rocky" Walk. During your spring stroll, ask the children to collect some rocks. Paint the rocks with spring-themed colors and designs. Give the rocks to friends and neighbors with a friendly spring message.

