

In any activity that you do with your child, there is always an opportunity for growth. Any time that a child can dip their toes in the water with something new, is a great thing.

Listed below are some ideas of different activities that I would work on with my kindergarten students, based on the topic that they wrote about.

Book about Soccer:

1. Finding a book at your local public library about soccer. Read it with your child and have them draw a picture of what a soccer field looks like.
2. The internet is full of great activities, such as writing or math, that include soccer within them. Find a fun printable for your child to do.
3. Discuss and learn the rules of soccer with your child. This is a great opportunity to get your child outside and moving. Take them outside in the grass, or even to an open school soccer field, and give them a chance to practice what they are learning. It's always a fun activity when you get to have some fresh air.

Book about Money:

1. Show your child different dollar bills and coins. Identify the amount that each one holds and explain to them what that means. Also, tell them what money is used for. This is such a fun time, too, to ask them questions about what they already know about money. "How is it used?" and "Why do we have it?" are great questions to start conversation with your child.
2. Using real money (or fake money, if you're able to find it), play a mock restaurant game with your child. You can do this by using a play kitchen and play food, or anything you find in your home. It could even be a clothing store, too. Then, practice buying items with your child and handing them money. You can reverse the rolls as well. This is a great way to physically practice with your child how money is used.
3. Play a board game, such as Monopoly, with your child. There are many great games involving fake money out there. Let them have opportunities to get their hands on money and learn the values of each dollar/coin.

Book about Cats:

1. There are so many awesome books out there about different animals. National Geographic has great magazines, books, and even a TV show that includes various nonfiction facts about different breeds of animals. They are filled with lots of great information and allow children to focus on the favorite animal of their choice. This is something that children can do independently too, if needed.
2. Puppet shows are great for creativity. Using a paper bag, you and your child can make puppets of different animals to perform a puppet show. Your child will be able to showcase what they are learning and creating, while working hard on a fun project.

3. An awesome, kid friendly place -- The zoo. Take your child to your local zoo. It's a great experience for children to be able to see not only different types of cats, but other types of animals as well. Children can do different things such as feed animals, and it's a great way to make learning hands-on.