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#### **Let's Play This Summer!**

#### Play in the work of childhood

A child's brain develops and creates new neural connections while playing. Play allows the brain to develop fine and gross motor skills and increase sensory awareness. And play allows for the brain to develop cognitive concepts and processes like attention, imagination, critical thinking skills, social skills and more. These are foundational skills that are vital to learning and brain development.

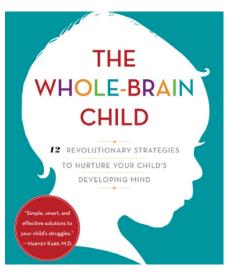
# McKibben & Monte Builds Children's Confidence through

# **Language, Literacy & Learning**

Focusing on the whole child: Research shows that well-developed speech, language, emotional and occupational skills impact a child's ability to become a competent reader, writer and student.

McKibben & Monte co-owners, Jenny Monte & Cindy McKibben, are so proud of our growth and ability to meet the needs of the whole child, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic and its incredible impacts on children's development. We now expand throughout the state in Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Dayton.





## **Summer Reading**

#### Books for Adults:

"The Whole Brained Child" - Daniel
 J. Siegel and Tina Payne Bryson

#### Books for Children:

- "S is for S'mores: A Camping
  Alphabet" Helen Foster James and
  Lita Judge
- "At the Beach" Anne Rockwell
- "Just Grandma and Me" Mercer Mayer
- "The Relatives Came" Cynthia Rylant
- "A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee" -Chris Van Dusen

### Is This Your Child?

Did you know our occupational therapists are specially trained in emotional regulation? Social emotional skills help manage emotions and build relationships. Children who struggle with SEL skills often have difficulty with impulse control, connecting with peers and self-regulation. Contact us to register for an occupational therapy screen.



Develop Fine Motor Skills This Summer!
Put down the electronics and check out these activities:
Cosmic Kids Yoga and Printable Coloring Pages
cosmickids.com
colors-for-kids.com

#### Motor / Sensory

June Get things
Pond / Creek trip! & talk abo

July Campfire!

August Zoo / Farm visit! Get things wet vs. dry; touch & talk about textures, swim,

skip rocks Children can gather sticks, chairs, s'mores items, help

set up

Children can pretend to
walk/act like the animals,
pet and interact w/animals

#### Speech / Language

Talk about wildlife; colors, shapes and sizes you see

dogs

Discuss safety; steps to set up fire and to make s'mores/hot

Discuss animals and habitats. Compare/contrast to people; their homes, diet and communication

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