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Let's Play

A Guide to Toys
for Children with
Special Needs



Over 6.2 million children live with disabilities, accounting for 13.2% percent of the child population. Millions of parents, grandparents and other family members struggle to find the best play and educational products for children with special needs.

Every day, parents ask professionals for advice on buying play products for their children. Often shoppers are wary of buying toys for children with special needs. However, selecting a toy for any child begins with two steps: first, learning what the child is interested in, and second, assessing his or her skill level. After that is decided, there are literally thousands of toys out there that will be a great fit for your child. Now the toughest part lies ahead – choosing from all the terrific products!

Toy Industry Foundation (TIF™), in partnership with Alliance for Technology Access (ATA) and American Foundation for the Blind (AFB), has researched and tested hundreds of toys, and the end result – a comprehensive guide of the best toys for children with all types of special needs, of all ages, with different interests kept in mind. Toys in the guide were tested by over 100 “toy experts,” children with a variety of special needs at a number of testing centers all over the country. The toys featured in this Guide were selected by individuals from these two organizations based on the toy’s play value for children with special needs.

Whether shopping for a three-year-old visually impaired child or a ten-year-old with developmental disabilities, Let’s Play is an excellent resource for finding the perfect toy, sure to put a smile on your child’s face.

As you review the Guide, you will find a description of the toy, along with an explanation of skills the toy will encourage and build during playtime. From time to time, you may see a quote included in a toy description that comes directly from a parent, caregiver or teacher who was involved in the testing, to give you a more “hands-on” feel about the toy and the enjoyment it provided to the child. Each toy will also contain one of the following labels that indicates who may find the toy most enjoyable. **PI**, **HI**, **B**, **LV** and **DD**.

These are defined as:

PI= Physical Impairment

Children with physical impairments (children with less than optimal use of their hands or children with some motor control challenges) were able to play with this toy. Physical impairments include cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy. Features to look for when selecting toys for children with a physical impairment include large parts that make a toy easy to grasp, and a sturdy base to secure a toy in its place.

HI=Hearing Impairment

While many toys are appropriate for children with hearing impairments, these toys included one or more of the following: lights or visual feedback, volume control, interesting texture or surface or some other unique feature that made it appropriate for a child with a hearing impairment.

B/LV= Blind or Low Vision

Although children with visual impairments may enjoy many toys in this Guide, these toys are rated particularly high because of their sounds and interesting textures or surfaces that provide sensory stimulation. Also, children with moderate visual impairments can enjoy toys that include bright lights. For a fully accessible version of this Guide for visually impaired readers, please visit www.afb.org/toyguide.asp.

DD=Developmental Disabilities

Children with developmental disabilities including Down syndrome, autism and mental retardation enjoyed playing with this toy. When selecting toys for children with these disabilities, look for products that encourage them to act out real life situations such as playing school, or interacting with action figures and dolls.

When using this Guide remember that these are our suggestions and reflect the results that we had with children in our testing. Many toys can be adapted for even more children to use, especially those with special needs. For great ideas and specific instructions on how to adapt toys, visit the “Family Place in CyberSpace” section at the Alliance for Technology Access website: www.ATAccess.org.

Also keep in mind that age ranges posted for each toy are assigned by the manufacturer based on a child with no special needs. The most effective way to find the perfect toy is to base your decision upon your child’s interest and skill level. We encourage you to be creative and imaginative when selecting toys for the child in your life — and watch them experience the joy and happiness of play!

Remember that these toys are only a sampling of the great products available for your child. There are many toys currently on store shelves that will excite, engage and enthrall your child. So, after reviewing this guide and doing your homework we encourage you to hit the shelves (either online or at your local store) and have fun! Play isn’t just important for kids!

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Baby Gymnastics™ Play Wall

Fisher-Price

This three-panel Play Wall encourages and rewards babies' physical activity, from sitting and crawling to standing and cruising. It can be configured in a zigzag or U-shape, plus each of the panels has crawl-through openings and is full of activities. "Created great interaction with toddlers of all abilities." Promotes use of auditory tracking skills and exploration of environment and also promotes awareness of sounds.

For ages 6 months - 3 years. \$59.99.

PI, HI, DD



Laugh & Learn™ Musical Learning Chair™

Fisher-Price

This charming chair and side table come to life with fun activities that set the stage for learning. Has both a learning and music mode for children to learn a variety of skills. Promotes tactile exploration, encourages creative play and stimulates available hearing and vision.

For ages 1-3. \$34.99.

PI, B, LV, DD



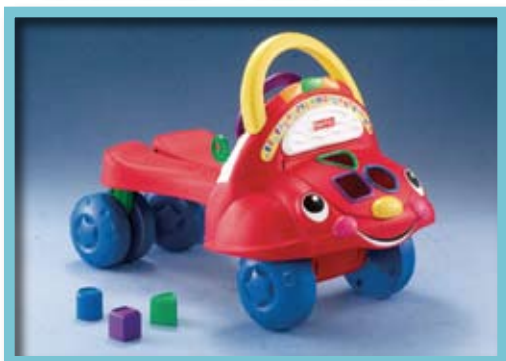
Laugh & Learn™ Stride-To-Ride Learning Walker™

Fisher-Price

With this walker-to-ride-on design, babies can learn numbers and directions, opposites, ABCs and more. A sturdy handlebar steadies babies' first steps while in walker mode and helps toddlers steer in ride-on mode. Promotes awareness of sound and body awareness.

For ages 9 months+. \$34.99.

DD



Roll-A-Rounds™ Drop & Roar™ Dinosaur

Fisher-Price

Babies can send their Roll-A-Rounds friends rolling down color-coordinated ball drops and ramps as colored lights and lively tunes highlight the action. "On my own I wouldn't have thought to pick this toy for my child, but he absolutely loves it." Stimulates available hearing, promotes use of auditory tracking skills and promotes awareness of sounds.

For ages 6 months+. \$34.99.

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



Star Station™

Fisher-Price

This entertainment system for preschoolers puts the power of performance right into their hands. It lets children see and hear themselves on their very own TV sets as they sing and dance along with their favorite songs. "Every age group loved it, from two-year-old toddlers to sixteen-year-old teens." Encourages social skills, promotes body awareness and awareness of sounds.

For ages 3+. \$59.99.

PI, LV, DD

Fun Tunes Tractor

Hasbro, Inc.

The chunky, free-rolling tractor is specifically designed for little hands and offers hours of fun for little ones! Sing-a-long with the farmer and his animal friends – a pig, cow and duck – to the classic nursery rhyme tune "Old MacDonald Had a Farm." "The tractor made my daughter giggle! She loved all the sounds and would mimic them." Stimulates available hearing, promotes awareness of sounds and encourages creative play.

For ages 12 months+. \$14.99.

PI, B, LV, DD



Lullaby Gloworm

Hasbro, Inc.

Helps ease the transition from busy day to bedtime – just squeeze and Gloworm comforts babies with a gentle light and seven soft lullabies. Promotes body awareness and tactile exploration. Also encourages the use of motor skills.

For ages 0+. \$9.99.

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



Spin 'N Pop Arcade

Hasbro, Inc.

Drop the balls onto the tabletop then push the plunger buttons for "pinball play" and to start silly sound effects and lively music. Watch the bouncing balls roll, bop and pop off the tabletop. Provides continuous action and exciting, popping play. Encourages use of motor skills, stimulates available vision and hearing and introduces cause and effect.

For ages 9 months+. \$24.99.

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



Hug & Learn Animal Globe

LeapFrog Enterprises

Each touch offers a different response, which encourages hands-on exploration. Kids can begin exploring geography by listening to character songs that introduce different ways to travel. Songs introduce simple rhymes and rhyming sounds, which can help build early reading skills. "My daughter has a problem with gross motor; this toy really encouraged her to use her hands to grasp the ball." Encourages use of motor skills, stimulates available hearing and vision and introduces cause and effect.

For ages 6 months - 3 years. \$19.99

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



Baby's Creativity Collage

VTech Electronics, LLC

Help your artist get started early with this imaginative learning board of music-making, feeling-filled conversation and word lessons. Bright object buttons, rattles and gears start fingers moving! Promotes creative expression, stimulates imagination and promotes body awareness.

For ages 3 months+. \$19.99

PI, HI, DD



Crazy Legs Learning Bug™

VTech Electronics, LLC

A cute pull-along pair goes with babies everywhere. Six light-up shapes attached to little bug's noodle legs fit in the big bug's sorter slots to teach shapes, numbers, colors and music. Promotes use of auditory tracking skills, awareness of sound and tactile exploration.

For ages 12 months+. \$17.99

PI, B, LV, DD



Dial & Discover Phone™

VTech Electronics, LLC

Dial any number for learning fun! This interactive discovery phone, with three activity modes, light-up shape buttons and fun sound effects, teaches melodies, colors, shapes and role-play. Promotes use of auditory tracking skills, promotes tactile exploration and encourages use of daily living skills.

For ages 6 months+. \$12.99

PI, HI, B, LV

Sunny Face Smart Gym™

VTech Electronics, LLC

"Chirp, chirp." "Buzz, buzz." Baby is busy as a bee touching and swinging the colorful manipulatives on this visually stimulating baby gym and learning colors, numbers, sounds, music and more. Encourages creative play, promotes exploration of environment and introduces cause and effect.

For ages 0+. \$21.99

B, LV



Turn-A-Word Apple™

VTech Electronics, LLC

An apple for a teacher! Nine spinning blocks and three cute bug buttons on this bright red apple teach baby's first words, while a cheerful caterpillar starts the Alphabet Song sing-along. "Very good to promote body/motor skills." Stimulates available hearing and vision and encourages social skills.

For ages 6 months+. \$12.99

PI, HI, DD



Shake 'N Go Speedway™

Fisher-Price

Features flashing lights and all the sounds of a real speedway. The coolest thing about this Speedway is the IR technology – it actually “knows” who won the race and announces it at the finish! “The best toy for cause and effect. I would definitely buy this toy for my boys.” Encourages use of daily living skills, stimulates available hearing and vision, and promotes creative experimentation.

For ages 3+. \$39.99

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



Tonka Chuck & Friends Talkin' Assortment

Hasbro, Inc.

Kids will make a friend for life with Tonka Chuck & Friends Talkin' Assortment. Each bright and colorful vehicle has its own loveable personality that “magically” comes to life; simply roll the vehicle and Chuck & Friends begin chattering away! Encourages creative play and stimulates available vision and hearing.

For ages 2+. \$14.99

PI, B, LV, DD



Thomas' Mail Delivery Big Loader

TOMY Corporation

Little Engineers love to put Thomas and his friends to work with Thomas' Mail Delivery Big Loader. Watch Thomas, Percy and Harold load, fill, empty and fly in motorized harmony to get the Island of Sodor mail delivered on time. The mail never stops coming and Thomas and these faithful friends never stop smiling! Encourages creative play and stimulates imagination. Promotes exploration of environment.

For ages 3+. \$24.99

DD



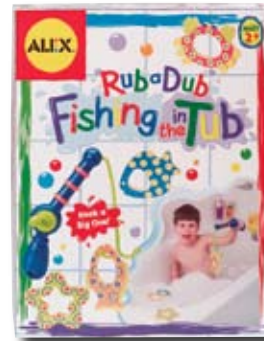
Learning Connections Train

LeapFrog Enterprises

The Learning Connections Train comes with five cars, an engine and three modes of play that provide an introduction to numbers, colors, animal names, animal sounds and music. This hands-on, fun learning train displays different numbers and objects, which correspond to the number on the car, further reinforcing the number/object correlation. Promotes use of auditory tracking skills, promotes tactile exploration and encourages use of motor skills.

For ages 9 months - 3 years. \$24.99

B, LV, DD



Fishing in the Tub

ALEX

Grab your fishing pole and hook a big one! The plastic fishing pole is the perfect size for little anglers as they hook colorful EVA foam fish. Promotes creative expression, encourages use of motor skills and promotes tactile exploration.

For ages 2+. \$9.99

HI, DD



Play Mat

ALEX

All roads lead to fun! A take-along play mat that folds into a toy bag. Open it up anywhere. Open mat measures 36" x 36". Promotes exploration of environment, awareness of sounds and also stimulates imagination.

For ages 0+. \$14.99

B, LV, DD

My Sweet Kitchen™ Cook 'N Sizzle Kitchen™

Fisher-Price

Preschoolers will be “cooking” up a storm with this brand new mini kitchen system with special touches and realistic details like soft fabric curtains and metalized cooking pans. Encourages creative play and social skills, promotes awareness of sound and encourages use of daily living skills.

For ages 2+. \$19.99

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



Cool Crew™ Team Talkin' Tool Bench™

Hasbro, Inc.

With the help of three talkin' buddies, children can hammer, nail and even have the availability to build a plane. As youngsters interact with the playful pals, the Cool Crew™ friends respond with fun phrases, sounds and motion! Promotes creative expression, encourages use of daily living skills and promotes exploration of the environment.

For ages 3+. \$34.99

PI, B, LV, DD



IO Preschool Baby Dress Up Kitty

Small World Toys

This smiling, huggable cat teaches children how to dress. It comes with shoes that tie and buckle, pants that pull on, button and snap, a shirt with Velcro, a jacket that zippers, plus mittens on strings! Encourages use of daily living skills, motor skills and promotes exploration of environment.

For ages 18 months+. \$25.00

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



Aquapets

Wild Planet Toys

The Aquapets react to sounds made by their owners as well as by fellow Aquapet friends. They seek love, nourishment and attention and reward their caregivers with happy melodies and joyous dances. Each Aquapet has its own unique sounds and songs. Encourages the use of daily living skills, encourages creative play and introduces cause and effect.

For ages 5+. \$9.99-14.99

DD



Battle Crawlers

Wild Planet Toys

Each Battle Crawler is based on a real bug and, just as in nature, has its own special features to help it survive. The interchangeable heads, swappable shells, and quick-change wheels of each bug encourage players to explore different building possibilities for a variety of performance options. Stimulates available hearing, promotes awareness of sounds, encourages creative play.

For ages 6+. \$4.99-7.99

B, LV



Battle Crawlers Arena

Wild Planet Toys

Cheer your crawler on as it confronts opposing bugs, flipping them over to claim victory or intensify the competition by adding bridges or splitting the battleground. Bugs pushed over the edge of the arena experience defeat. Encourages creative use of motor skills, stimulates available vision and hearing.

For ages 6+. \$14.99-19.99

B, LV



Spy Light Hand

Wild Planet Toys

With the Spy Light Hand you'll have illuminating power right at your fingertips. The hand-mounted tool features four red glowing tubes with light-piping technology and ambidextrous usability. Wearing the Spy Light Hand allows you to read secret messages in the dark. Promotes creative expression, tactile exploration and encourages creative play.

For ages 6+. \$4.99-6.99

PI, HI, DD



Spy Night Patrol-Listener

Wild Planet Toys

Special yellow-tinted, impact-resistant goggles with bright blue LED lights help you navigate at night while keeping your hands free for collecting evidence. The microphone mounted above the ear picks up sound from the distance and amplifies it through the attached ear bud. "Fun and interactive with friends and siblings." Encourages creative play and social skills and stimulates imagination.

For ages 6+. \$12.99

PI, HI, DD

LiquiFreaks

Wild Planet Toys

LiquiFreaks are a funny and funky new brand of interactive pets. These encapsulated three-dimensional collectable creatures make silly noises and gross sounds in response to various actions from their owners. Encourages the use of daily living skills, encourages creative play and introduces cause and effect.

For ages 5+. \$9.99-14.99

PI, DD



Tub Tunes Water Drums

big BOING

Drum roll, please! Water Drums instruments encourage budding musicians to explore the principles of rhythm and play songs as they splash-splash in the bath. No musical experience needed. Stimulates available hearing and vision, promotes use of auditory tracking skills and introduces cause and effect.

For ages 4-8. \$9.99

PI, B, LV, DD



Tub Tunes Water Flutes

big BOING

Are you ready for a little water music? With Water Flutes instruments, you can experiment with music and learn to play songs during bath time. These real musical flutes can be tuned with water to create a variety of sounds. Stimulates available vision and hearing, stimulates imagination and encourages the use of motor skills.

For ages 4-8. \$9.99

PI, DD



My First Piano

Schoenhut Piano Company

Schoenhut's bright red or white, 18-key tabletop piano is the perfect choice for a toddler's first piano. Both fun and educational, it is an ideal instrument to use for developing eye-hand coordination and encouraging musical creativity. Promotes use of auditory tracking skills, stimulates imagination, promotes body awareness and stimulates available hearing.

For ages 3-6. \$69.99

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



Neurosmith Jumbo Music Block

Small World Toys

Catchy sing-along songs teach toddlers all about shapes as they explore the many surprise features and textures of this giant block of fun! Teaches shapes, colors and dress-me skills – even helps baby to stand up! Introduces cause and effect, stimulates available vision and encourages creative play.

For ages 6 months+. \$60.00

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



Neurosmith Music Blocks

Small World Toys

Allows children to create over a million different musical compositions while experimenting with shapes, colors, sequences and sounds. This interactive activity toy inspires a love of music while teaching color and shape recognition, cause and effect and critical thinking skills. Introduces cause and effect, encourages use of motor skills and stimulates available hearing.

For ages 2+. \$19.99

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



Neurosmith Together Tunes Music Block

Small World Toys

This giant, interactive cube features color illustrations and plays 6 classic sing-along songs, each in high-quality sound. Also features 6 activities, including lifting flaps, a jack-in-the-box, a tactile teddy bear, a retractable rumble spider, and a peek-a-boo mirror. Encourages use of daily living skills, stimulates available hearing and vision and stimulates imagination.

For ages 6 months+. \$60.00

PI, B, LV, DD



Rock & Sing Musical Car™

VTech Electronics, LLC

Baby is the leader of the band! Five piano keys and three instrument-playing friends teach babies musical notes and encourage music making.

Light-up buttons add lessons in color and emotion. Promotes body awareness, stimulates available hearing and encourages social skills.

For ages 9 months+. \$14.99

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



Sing & Rock Animal Van™

VTech Electronics, LLC

All aboard! A delight to push or pull, this singing animal van plays fun melodies as it rolls along.

Colorful buttons teach numbers and animal sounds and cute animal characters wobble along. Promotes body awareness, stimulates available hearing and encourages social skills.

For ages 6 months+. \$9.99

PI, HI, B, LV, DD

Tub Island - Farm Adventures

ALEX

Get ready for barnyard fun. This floating farm scene makes for great imaginative play at bath time. "My son loved this set. It was hard to get him out of the water." Promotes tactile exploration, body awareness and encourages the use of motor skills.

For ages 2+. \$14.99

PI, HI, DD



Tub Island - Racing Around

ALEX

In a hurry? Zip around this floating town with your cars. Float your ship in the harbor or land your plane on the runway. Makes bath time an adventure for imaginative play every time. Encourages use of daily living skills, stimulates available vision and stimulates imagination.

For ages 2+. \$14.99

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



Little People® A to Z Learning Zoo™

Fisher-Price

The Little People A to Z Learning Zoo introduces toddlers to the letters of the alphabet through classic animal play. The Zoo features a zoo playset and an interactive play mat with an "alphabet trail" highlighting letters from A to Z. Stimulates available hearing, promotes tactile exploration and introduces cause and effect.

For ages 2-5. \$39.99

PI, DD



My Little Pony Rainbow Wishes Amusement Park

Hasbro, Inc.

This beautiful park includes rides that make the ponies look as if they're flying high into the sky. The My Little Pony Rainbow Wishes Amusement Park playset comes with a pony figure, wheeled car and brush. Encourages creative play and social skills; also stimulates available vision and introduces cause and effect.

For ages 3+. \$19.99

HI



Weebles Weeblywobbly Tree House

Hasbro, Inc.

The wacky characters can spin on the whirly water wheel, hide in the secret playroom or look through the telescope. For more activity, take a slide down the tree house, rock on the silly rocking chair, or build in the carpenter shop out back. Encourages creative play, encourages social skills and use of motor skills.

For ages 18 months+. \$29.99

PI, HI, DD

Thomas Load and Carry Set

LEGO Systems, Inc.

This set comes with everything kids need to build their very own train station! Moveable light signal and cargo tower with slide functionality add to the fun. Includes Thomas and 16 pieces of train tracks. Encourages creative play, promotes tactile expression and stimulates available hearing.

For ages 2-6. \$29.99

DD



FurReal Friends Newborn Luv Cubs

Hasbro, Inc.

Lovable, cuddly baby bear cubs that belong right in your arms! Tickle their tummies and they will stretch out their arms to ask you for love! Watch their eyes open and close and listen to them make adorable baby bear cub sounds! Pet the soft fur on their backs as you cuddle them. Encourages social skills, use of daily living skills and promotes auditory tracking skills.

For ages 4+. \$12.99

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



FurReal Friends Smoochie Pup

Hasbro, Inc.

Smoochie Pup will show how much she loves you by giving you a big doggy "kiss" as you play with her! Simply kiss or pet the end of her nose and she'll "kiss" you back. Promotes creative expression, stimulates available hearing and available vision, and introduces cause and effect.

For ages 4+. \$19.99

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



The Jester Has Lost His Jingle by David Saltzman and The Jester & Pharley Doll

The Jester & Pharley Phund

The Jester & Pharley book and doll are distributed exclusively by The Jester & Pharley Phund, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation benefiting ill and special-needs children and literacy programs. In this charming tale, The Jester awakes one morning to find laughter missing in his kingdom and he and Pharley set off on a quest to find it. The doll is designed with pliable limbs and invites children to interact with the character. The book and doll together encourage social skills, promote use of auditory tracking skills and exploration while stimulating the imagination. The story's message, reaffirmed by the doll, promotes self-esteem, reminding children that laughter is always inside them and to never give up.

Book: For all ages. \$20.00.

Doll: For ages 3+. \$40.00

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



Little Taggie Taggies, Incorporated

This portable, fleece snuggle partner is perfect for newborns as well as the mobile toddler. Each Little Taggie has 20 visual, tactile and vibrant tags around its border, offering hours of interactive entertainment, fine motor skill development and comfort. Stimulates available vision, promotes body awareness and promotes exploration of environment.

For ages 0+. \$19.95

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



Plush Aquapets Wild Planet Toys

Plush Aquapets feature realistic character detail and their chirps, beeps and jingles mimic the sounds of the original Aquapets. These cozy creatures are made of soft brushed terrycloth and supple stuffing, perfect for cuddling and hugging. Stimulates available vision and hearing and encourages social skills.

For ages 2+. \$10.99

B, LV

Little Hands Easy Grip Markers

ALEX

Fifteen bright colors to create a masterpiece. No-roll triangular barrels are perfect for little hands to hold and won't roll off tables. Stores in a convenient canister. Encourages social skills, use of motor skills and encourages social skills.

For ages 3+. \$5.99

PI, HI, DD



Poster Painter Activity Set

ALEX

Create patterns and make colorful pictures with washable sponge tip markers. Contains 8 Poster Painters and 48 Activity Pictures specially designed for ALEX Poster Painters. Encourages creative play, stimulates imagination and available vision.

For ages 3+. \$19.99

PI, HI, DD



Huggy Smart ABC's

Hooray!

This wonderful set of magnetic letters has traditional soft-flocking, and each letter is easy for small hands to grasp. Their bright colors and soft-flocked texture encourage play and early learning. The set comes in its own custom-designed carrying case for convenient storage and travel. "Great introduction for young children to the alphabet; my two-year-old loves it." Encourages use of motor skills, introduces cause and effect and stimulates imagination.

For ages 2+. \$45.95

PI, HI, DD



Leapster Learning Game System

LeapFrog Enterprises

Teaches in the way kids love to play! Children can play action-packed games that teach essential skills for Pre-K to 4th grade. Multiple learning levels, tailored tutorials and a wide variety of learning games ensure that children are learning essential skills while playing the video games that they love. Promotes awareness of sounds, stimulates available hearing and vision, and stimulates imagination.

For ages 4+. \$69.99

PI, DD



My First LeapPad Bus

LeapFrog Enterprises

With a fun new school bus shape and color, the My First LeapPad learning system is the complete way to prepare for the first day of kindergarten!

The My First LeapPad platform works with the entire library of My First LeapPad books to prepare children for the first day of school by introducing pre-reading, pre-writing and other preschool skills. Encourages use of motor skills, stimulates available hearing and encourages social skills.

For ages 3-5. \$24.99

PI, DD

Giant Alphabet Set – Uppercase

School-Rite

Offered in a 2-inch format, Giant Alphabet Sets are for children beginning to write the alphabet. They feature 2-inch letters on individual templates with sample letters for identification. Promotes tactile expression, creative experimentation and stimulate available vision.

For ages 3-7. \$24.50

DD



Manuscript Handwriting Guide

School-Rite

School-Rite Handwriting Instruction Guides feature 1-inch letters on an 8.5" x 11" template. They include sample letters for identification, numbered stroke sequence and arrows showing proper stroke direction. Ruled lines illustrate correct letter proportion, spacing and placement. "Great tool for independent writing skills." Encourages social skills, promotes creative experimentation and promotes body awareness.

For ages 4-10. \$10.95

DD



Fly & Learn Globe

VTech Electronics, LLC

Young explorers and adventurers jump into the pilot's seat to get a closer look at our world. With the Fly & Learn Globe, junior geographers meet new people, hear their languages and music, and discover famous wonders without leaving home. Fun plane sounds and songs add to the fun and excitement as children guide the plane with the directional joystick! Five modes teach continents, oceans, languages, music, and quizzes children on other geographic topics.

For ages 3+. \$24.99

B, LV



Winnie the Pooh Teach & Lights Phone

VTech Electronics, LLC

Hello, Winnie the Pooh speaking! With this realistic-looking, light-up phone your child will be on the line to Pooh and all his friends while learning lessons in numbers, letters, colors and shapes. Introduces cause and effect, stimulates available vision and hearing.

For ages 2+. \$17.99

PI, DD



V.Smile Pocket™

VTech Electronics, LLC

Awesome go-anywhere brain-building gameplay! Using V.Smile Smartridges, this portable learning system that also connects to a TV teaches key learning skills in an exciting, interactive game format. Promotes awareness of sounds, encourages use of motor skills and promotes use of auditory tracking skills.

For ages 5+. \$89.99

PI, HI, LV, DD



Write & Learn Letter Book™

VTech Electronics, LLC

Listen, read and write! This activity-filled phonics picture book engages early learners with reading, handwriting, counting and vocabulary-building activities on twenty interactive pages. Promotes exploration of environment, encourages creative play and stimulates available hearing.

For ages 3+. \$19.99

PI, HI, DD



Write & Learn Smartboard™

VTech Electronics, LLC

Like the best tutors, this board rewards little writers for their hard work. It magically recognizes the figures a child makes and coaches them through letters, numbers, drawing, music and more! "My daughter loved this toy – she spent hours listening to the stories." Introduces cause and effect, promotes awareness of sounds and stimulates imagination.

For ages 4+. \$34.99

PI, HI, DD

Hopscotch

ALEX

Little ones will be hopping and jumping on this big, bright and colorful 23"W x 81"L EVA foam hopscotch board that you can play on both indoors and out. Snaps together like a puzzle. Stores easily in a carry-along bag! Encourages creative play, social skills and promotes use of auditory tracking skills.

For ages 3+. \$24.99

DD



Junior Stomp Rocket Kit

D & L Company

The award-winning Junior Stomp Rocket Kit allows children to simply jump on the bulb and a burst of air launches the all-foam rocket up to 100 feet. "My son with autism enjoyed making rockets shoot up into the sky, trees and on the house roof." Encourages creative play and social skills. Also promotes exploration of environment.

For ages 3+. \$10.00-12.00

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



Batman Tabletop Pinball Machine

Funrise Toy Corporation

Bring the arcade gaming experience home with the Batman Tabletop Pinball Game. This game machine features authentic Batman graphic designs with real lights and cool effects. Promotes awareness of sound and stimulates available vision.

For ages 5+. \$19.99

HI, DD



Gazillion Bubble Machine

Funrise Toy Corporation

Simply pour the Gazillion bubble solution into the solution reservoir, switch the Bubble Machine on and watch it blow gazillions of colorful bubbles. Great for parties! Includes 4 oz. bottle of Gazillion bubble solution. Encourages creative play and social skills. Also stimulates available vision.

For ages 3+. \$9.99

PI, HI, DD



Unbelievable Bubble Maker

Funrise Toy Corporation

Funrise Toys teamed up with Fan Yang, the world's greatest bubble artist, to create Fan Yang Gazillion Bubbles. This unique set includes several wands and innovative solution, plus an instructional DVD that allows you to perform the magic of Fan Yang at home. Stimulates available vision and promotes creative play.

For ages 5+. \$14.99

PI, HI, DD



All Terrain Steel and Wood Wagon

Radio Flyer

The Original Little Red Wagon™ with high wooden stake sides and big brawny air tires can handle any terrain. Air tires provide a super soft, super quiet ride and the full-sized, all-steel seamless body comes with no-scratch edges. Stimulates imagination and encourages social skills. Also promotes exploration of the environment and motor skills. "Great for improving gross motor skills."

For ages 18 months+. \$120.00

PI, HI, B, LV, DD



Deluxe Canopy Steering Trike

Radio Flyer

Give your little one a thrilling ride around the block in this Radio Flyer Deluxe Canopy Steering Trike. Freewheeling pedals let the little passenger coast while the adult turns the front wheel with a push handle. Promotes awareness of sounds, stimulates available vision and imagination.

For ages 2-5. \$80.00

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Pathfinder Wagon

Radio Flyer

With seat backs and a seat belt, kids will be extra safe while having fun in this wagon. Seats fold up for a comfortable ride, or fold down for maximum hauling capacity. The extra-long handle for easy pulling also folds under for easy storage. Stimulates imagination and encourages social skills. Also promotes exploration of the environment and motor skills.

For ages 18 months+. \$80.00

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Bath Time Adventures Dinosaur Island

big BOING

Roam with the Stegosaurus! Fly with the Pteranodon! You can transform your bathtub into a lush, prehistoric marsh with these fully illustrated foam shapes. Get ready to ignite your imagination and journey through prehistoric Bath Time Adventures...alone or with your family! Introduces cause and effect, promotes creative experimentation and encourages use of motor skills.

For ages 4-8. \$9.99

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Creature Creator Art Foams

big BOING

Enter a magical world where pigs can fly and elephants, too! The Creature Creator Art Foams set includes colorful foam cutouts that float in the water and stick to bathtub walls. Mix and match the shapes to create animals, friendly robots and magical, mystical creatures. Stimulates imagination, introduces cause and effect, stimulates available vision and encourages creative play.

For ages 2-7. \$7.99

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WEDGITS Starter Set

ImagAbility Incorporated

This open-ended building set introduces the "little ones" to the spatial world of angles, color matching and creative, free-play designing. The Starter set has large blocks providing fun for the family with toddlers and individuals with special needs. Promotes tactile exploration, encourages use of motor skills and stimulates available vision.

For ages 2+. \$20.99

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50 Model Building Set

K'NEX Industries, Inc.

The ultimate building set, offering a range of challenges for beginners to K'NEXperts! Includes kid-friendly instructions for building 50 models across a range of themes. Complete with battery-powered motor for models that move! Encourages creative play, promotes tactile exploration and creative expression.

For ages 8+. \$49.99

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250 Piece Value Tub

K'NEX Industries, Inc.

Packed with 250 K'NEX pieces for lots & lots of open-ended building fun. With kid-friendly inspiration for 20 models, this building set comes in a convenient storage tub. Encourages creative play, promotes tactile exploration and creative experimentation.

For ages 6-12. \$19.99

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Wings 'N Wheels Building Set

K'NEX Industries, Inc.

For the high-flying beginner to intermediate builders, the Wings 'N Wheels building set lets kids create their favorite rolling and flying machines. Includes a kid-friendly book of step-by-step instructions for building 20 models. Stimulates imagination, promotes creative expression and exploration of environment.

For ages 6-12. \$19.99

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Fish-Eyed Friends

K'NEX Industries, Inc.

With KID K'NEX Fish-Eyed Friends, young builders can create their own undersea pals who come to life with fins, tails, and ocean eyes. You can build right on the storage case, too! Encourages use of daily living skills, stimulates imagination and encourages creative play.

For ages 3-7. \$9.99

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Fun Wheels Rovin' Rollers

K'NEX Industries, Inc.

This updated version of Rovin' Rollers now features big wheels that snap together to make huge wheels! Lots of KID K'NEX parts plus super scoops and friendly eyes, perfect for little ones' big imaginations. Promotes exploration of environment, creative expression and stimulates imagination.

For ages 3-7. \$19.99

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Musical Ferris Wheel

K'NEX Industries, Inc.

Wow your friends and family with the sights and sounds of this amusement park ride from K'NEX! The Musical Ferris Wheel includes a motor and sound module as well as 8 fun-seeking figures to help you create a real carnival ride that's almost 3 feet tall. The Musical Ferris Wheel's bright colors, motion and sound make it an eye-catching crowd-pleaser! Stimulates available vision, encourages use of motor skills and stimulates imagination.

For ages 8+. \$49.99

B, LV, DD



Safari Fun Set

K'NEX Industries, Inc.

If you love building adventure, this set is for you. Complete with step-by-step instructions for building wild animals and safari vehicles! Or, use your imagination to build your own creations. "My children worked well together with this toy." Encourages creative play, promotes exploration of environment and creative experimentation.

For ages 5-7. \$9.99

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Large Dump Truck

LEGO Systems, Inc.

Roll up your sleeves and help the construction workers with this dump truck that looks just like the real thing. This giant truck is strong enough to handle the toughest jobs. Includes one mini-figure and super huge tires! Introduces cause and effect, stimulates available vision and hearing, and promotes body awareness.

For ages 6+. \$29.99

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Maxi™ Bag – Build Bigger Than Me

Mega Bloks Inc.

Children can create their own visual effects with a spiral wheel block and specially decorated blocks for an endless array of building possibilities as big as their creative imaginations. Stimulates imagination and discovery, focus & attention, math & science skills, hand/eye coordination and confidence. This is also a tremendous education tool for learning colors & shapes.

For ages 1+. \$14.99

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Bulls-Eye Bounce & Roll™

Hasbro, Inc.

Provides arcade-style play – but this time, the fun is in the preschool aisle! During the game, electronic music and lights flash as players score points. Each game has three modes of play to meet the child's skill level – Target Practice, Match Me and High Score Challenge. An electronic announcer keeps track of your score, as well as the high score. "Great for gross motor activity; it really engaged my son!" Encourages use of daily living skills, stimulates available vision and hearing and stimulates imagination.

For ages 3+. \$34.99

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**BUCKAROO® Game**

Hasbro Games

The saddle-stacking game with a moody mule! With concentration and a steady hand, little cowboys and cowgirls try to place the gear on the moody mule's saddle, with the hopes he won't buck. Encourages social skills, promotes exploration of environment and body awareness.

For ages 4+. \$15.99

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**Crocodile Dentist**

Hasbro Games

Players try to fix the poor Croc's sore tooth, without upsetting the snap-happy patient. Each player takes a turn being the dentist and must carefully choose one of the crocodile's teeth and push it down. If they press the Croc's bad tooth – snap, the crocodile will playfully bite down and that player is out of the game. "The whole family loved this game." Stimulates available vision, introduces cause and effect and encourages social skills.

For ages 4+. \$15.99

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**Jenga® Game**

Hasbro Games

Pull out the lower blocks and stack them on top, without toppling the tower. Stimulates imagination, available vision and introduces cause and effect.

For ages 8+. \$10.99

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**WEE WEDGITS™**

ImagAbility Incorporated

This soft, poly-vinyl block set has smooth, rounded edges that provide hours of squeeze-stacking fun for children. The five nesting blocks provide quiet play and the soft design provides a gentle, playset offering for high-energy children. Introduces cause and effect, encourages use of motor skills and encourages creative play.

For ages 1+. \$10.99

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**Scene It? Junior Edition**

Screenlife, LLC

The game challenges children to test their knowledge of movies and popular culture. It includes scenes and images from 180 movies and television shows. "This game is so much fun! We played it over and over!" Encourages creative play.

For ages 8+. \$29.99

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Puzzibilities Alphabet Out Loud Puzzle

Small World Toys

As each puzzle piece is correctly placed, the puzzle speaks the corresponding letter and word! The talking wooden alphabet boosts vocabulary and reading skills. Encourages creative play, social skills and introduces cause and effect.

For ages 2-5. \$24.99

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**Puzzibilities Counting Out Loud Puzzles**

Small World Toys

As each puzzle piece is correctly placed, the puzzle speaks the corresponding number and word! Talking wooden number puzzle helps teach counting and early math skills; puzzle pieces are magnetized, for use on any metallic surface. Encourages creative play, social skills and introduces cause and effect.

For ages 2-5. \$24.99

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Doctor Dreadful Freaky Food Lab

Funrise Toy Corporation

With the Doctor Dreadful Freaky Food Lab, you can make 20 diabolically delicious experiments. The best part is you can build your own laboratory and eat everything you make! The Freaky Food Lab comes with an injector station to make gruesome gooey creatures, lab links to custom build your lab, experiment cards, a skull bowl, food packets and more! Stimulates imagination and encourages creative play.

For ages 5+. \$24.99

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Play-Doh Dohville Fuzzy Pet Parlor

Hasbro, Inc.

Silly citizens and fun-loving pets of Dohville love to drop by the Play-Doh Dohville Fuzzy Pet Parlor. Groom and style their fur with the brush, scissors and a hair dryer. For the ultimate laugh, place a pet in the bathtub and watch it sprout silly hair. Encourages creative play, stimulates imagination and promotes tactile exploration.

For ages 3+. \$9.99

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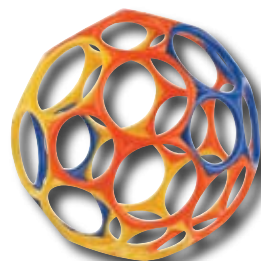
Oball

Rhino Toys

"The Everybody Ball" Oball is full of finger holes that make it incredibly easy to catch, captivating to hold, and safe to throw. Shiny, smooth, flexible, durable and virtually indestructible, Oball is the ideal ball in every situation. "Very easily held by children with physical disabilities involving the hands." Introduces cause and effect, encourages social skills and promotes creative expression.

For all ages. \$3.50

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Write & Learn Artboard™

VTech Electronics, LLC

Young artists and writers get a head start on this electronic drawing board. Interactive stencils encourage creative expression while they teach tracing, writing, vocabulary and the alphabet. Promotes awareness of sounds, encourages use of daily living skills and encourages creative play.

For ages 4+. \$24.99

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