

Omni Vision & Learning Center Holiday Gift Guide

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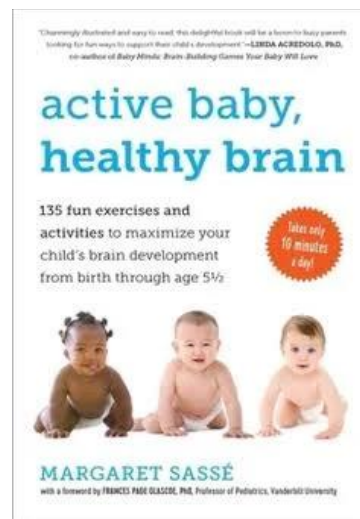
2024 Gift Ideas

I admit to being an early Christmas shopper. I'm thinking of ideas all year round and when pumpkin season begins, I'm already looking for good deals. Apparently, I am not alone as the advertising seems to start earlier every year. This has prompted me to get my holiday shopping list out early this year. The tried-and-true games and toys continue to be on the list as they never go out of style. However, the list below will get you thinking about the types of games you should be looking for. While it gives you a start, there are many other options out there and I'd love to hear back on any great ideas you may have as well.



For the parent with babies and young children

This year I did add a bonus idea for the parents to be or maybe a new parent you know. It is a fabulous book designed to guide parents in helping children with developmental stages from birth to 5 ½ years old. It's called *Active Baby, Healthy Brain: 135 Fun Exercises and Activities to Maximize Your Child's Brain Development from Birth Through Age 5½* by Margaret Sasse. I recommend this to all the parents when they bring their child in for an InfantSEE exam. It's truly wonderful! For more information on the AOA Optometry Cares InfantSEE program check it out here! www.infantsee.org



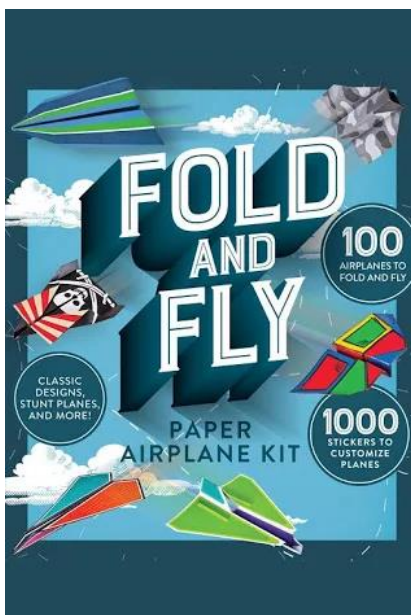


Books and Magazines

One of the most important gifts you can give your child is reading to them every day. Children who are read to will typically learn more words sooner. A study done at The Ohio State University found that kids who read only one book a day will hear around 290,000 more words by age 5 than those who don't regularly read books with a parent or caregiver. This is the best gift to prepare children for language and reading before they start school. Gift ideas include books, homemade coupons for trips to the library. Children love getting mail and subscriptions to magazines that are age appropriate is another great idea. Some of my children's favorites were National Geographic Kids and Nat Geo Little Kids magazine. Other fan favorites are Ranger Rick and Highlights magazines.

Outdoor Time

Great gifts are toys that get children outdoors! Snowman building kits, snow fort kits, hula-hoops, skateboard, pogo stick, mini-trampoline, sports balls, pitchback, bicycle, swim toys, swings, play golf, children's croquet, explorer kit and ring toss.



Eye hand coordination and Fine Motor Control

Building sets like Legos, magnets, Jenga, Magformers, K'NEX. Fishin' Around, Operation, KerPlunk, Simon, model sets, spirograph, 3D puzzles, Magna-tiles, Hyper Toss, Bounce Off and play cubes for toddlers.

Play Dough, lacing cards, Perler beads, coloring books, etch a sketch, Lite Brite, sand art, stained glass made easy, loom, farm cube puzzle, origami crafts, beading, noodling noodles, paper airplane design book.

Visual Perceptual Games and Imagination Activities

Parquetry blocks, puzzles, Legos, Where's Waldo, Seek and Find books, Perplexus, Spot It, Acuity, Battleship, Labyrinth, Set, Simon, Rush Hour, checkers, Perfection, Memory, Rubik's Cube, Q-bitz, Blink, Suspend, Gears Gears Gears, Swish, Gravity maze, Maze-O, Bop it, and Itrax Critical Thinking Game, Tanagrams. GeoSmart Flip Bot, Chocolate Fix, Pictureka, Make N Break, Quick Cups, Blokus, and Create a Story Cards.

Any imaginative play toys: dolls, kitchen sets, building sets, dress up costumes, secret decoder set, magic set, Crayola chemistry set, baking set



Perplexus

A few great companies to check out for educational games:

Thinkfun, SmartGames, Melissa and Doug, Young Explorers and BrainWare.