2020 Holiday Gift Guide for Kids

Top 27 toys that support development in children of ALL abilities
Recommended by pediatric therapists

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INTRODUCTION - Welcome to AbilityPath's 2020 Gift Guide!

This complimentary, one-of-a-kind “Holiday Gift Guide for Kids” was created by AbilityPath’s dedicated team of pediatric therapists to make it easier for parents and caregivers to select toys during the holiday season that best support their child’s development. Because all kids are unique, regardless of ability, toys are not organized by stages of development or age, but are listed with a description of the developmental benefits associated with each toy.

The therapists recommend toys or games based on how they stimulate language development, social skills, creativity, and small and large motor skill development. In this way, the gift guide helps parents choose toys that build or reinforce a variety of skill sets and target a child’s individual level of growth and learning; additionally, some featured toys may help with a child’s sensory processing.

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For more information, visit AbilityPath.org. Our local online resource center is available at Smcfrc.org where families can connect to invaluable resources and support services.

ABOUT ABILITYPATH’S CHILDREN’S SERVICES

AbilityPath’s Children’s Services include a wide range of programs designed to nurture and support a child’s development in a compassionate, inclusive, and fun environment that treats each child as a unique individual. Our team of dedicated specialists is trained to nurture all aspects of a child’s motor, cognitive, communication, sensory, social, and emotional development. Our services include: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Therapy, Early Intervention, FREE Online Developmental Screenings, School Readiness and Mommy & Me Classes, Parent Support Groups & Resources.
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By AbilityPath Pediatric Therapists

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**BARNYARD BINGO GAME BY FISHER PRICE**

**AGE RANGE:** 24 months and up | **COST:** $17-$32

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**
This barn of friendly animals teaches kids matching and colors as they try to be the first to get “Bingo!” by matching the three animals on their barnyard fence card. Another game variation involves your child matching three color chips to their barnyard fence card. The game comes with various animal picture cards, chips of different colors, and barnyard fence cards.

**DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:**
Barnyard Bingo encourages thinking and problem solving, sharing and cooperation, curiosity and discovery, and develops fine motor skills.

**LINK TO PURCHASE:** [Amzn.to/2ylz5sl](https://amzn.to/2ylz5sl)
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**RECOMMENDED BY:** Nicole Longa, Early Childhood Special Educator
Nicole has a master’s degree and Level II teaching credential from San Francisco State University in Early Childhood Special Education. She is the lead for the Early Childhood Special Educators and Early Interventionists for AbilityPath’s Children’s Services department, and manages the Little Explorers program.

**CUTTING PLAY FOOD SET BY MELISSA & DOUG**

**AGE RANGE:** 2-6 years old | **COST:** $15-$20

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**
This wooden play food set is perfect for young chefs looking to explore a little mealtime fun—without the mess! It includes wooden food that can be sliced into sections, a cutting board, and a wooden knife. Cutting the food makes a satisfying “crunch”--and provides a playful introduction to concepts of “whole,” “part,” and fractions.

**DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:**
The Cutting Play Food Set is perfect for pretend play and introducing concepts of part and whole. Group play with the wooden food also can increase a child’s ability to follow directions and expand their vocabulary of fruits, colors, and actions.

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**RECOMMENDED BY:** Angie Marshall, MA, CCC-SLP
Angie Marshall, MA, CCC-SLP, is an ASHA certified and California licensed speech-language pathologist with over 20 years’ experience working with children. While she enjoys working with all children, her areas of expertise are with motor speech disorders, executive function issues, and autism spectrum disorder. Angie is a lead therapist at AbilityPath and she has been there since 2010.
AIVIAI DANCE MUSIC SCARVES
AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: $9

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:
The colorful silk scarves are light, soft and great quality, also well played with. Suitable for musical play purpose, kindergarten, dance group, magic tricks performance or decorate your bag. Size: 24x24-inches.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:
These scarves are great for sensory exploration as they are a nice soft texture, and all the bright colors capture the interest of children of all ages. I use them for babies to play peekaboo, to hide inside various containers, and to just let them hold or even put in their mouth. For toddlers and preschool aged children, these scarves are fantastic for music and movement activities! Children love to dance with the scarves and toss them in the air, watching as they float back down. They can also practice color identification, matching, and sorting with these scarves!

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RECOMMENDED BY: Lindsay Driemeyer, OT
Lindsay is an occupational therapist with seven years experience working with children. She received her Masters of Arts in occupational therapy from the University of Southern California. Before joining AbilityPath, she worked for Wings Learning Center, a school for kids with autism ages 5-21.

DOCTOR’S KIT BY RICDECOR
AGE RANGE: 2-5 years old | COST: $15 - $20

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:
The Doctor’s Kit is a medical carrying case that contains safe plastic medical toys, such as a thermometer and stethoscope, a retractable syringe, safe for play medical scissors, and cute stickers that correspond to various medical toys within the kit.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:
The Doctor’s Kit is a tool for pretend role play. It is a toy which stimulate children’s imaginations, helps them answer questions, and lets them learn to care for themselves and others, and teaches compassion.

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RECOMMENDED BY: Mor Marom, MS, CCC-Speech Language Pathologist
Mor is a bilingual speech-language pathologist, who provides in-home and center-based therapy for children with communication disorders in both English and Hebrew. She has experience working with children in the fields of autism, expressive and receptive language, bilingualism, early intervention, inclusion, and Augmentative and Alternative Communication.
**RECOMMENDED BY:** Mira Chetlen, Speech-Language Pathologist

Mira Chetlen is originally from Los Angeles and moved to San Francisco to pursue her Bachelor of Arts degree at San Francisco State University (SFSU). She then continued her education at SFSU and received her Master of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology. Mira was a former behavior interventionist and former preschool teacher’s assistant. Mira enjoys providing speech-language therapy to children of all ages, collaborating with other professionals, and working with family members.

**DUPLO PUSH TRAIN BY LEGO**

**AGE RANGE:** 2 years old and up | **COST:** $28-$40

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**
Little engine drivers will love pushing this train around the track, stopping to load up the crates of fresh apples and pumpkins as they go. There’s also a level crossing and a car to operate, so you can talk to your child about traffic safety while creating role-play stories together. LEGO® DUPLO® toys are specially designed to be fun and safe for little hands.

**DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:**
The Push Train can help increase a child’s cognitive, social, and emotional development. Building the track and talking with other players to coordinate the opening and closing of crossing gates helps your child increase their motor skills, enhances communication, and encourages cooperative play.

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**RECOMMENDED BY:** Amanda Burr, MS, OTR/L, Occupational Therapist

Amanda Burr earned her Master of Science in Occupational Therapy from San Jose State University in April of 2018 and has been practicing pediatric occupational therapy in the clinic setting ever since. She has completed trainings in Handwriting Without Tears and Masgutova Neuromuscular Reflex Integration, and she has a special interest in sensory processing and integration. She is passionate about empowering children to function at their highest potential by making hard work fun.

**GEARS! GEARS! GEARS! BY LEARNING RESOURCES**

**AGE RANGE:** 3 years old and up | **COST:** $15-$45

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**
Different every time you build, this versatile, interconnecting gear set fosters imagination and provides opportunities to experiment with simple mechanics and science.

**DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:**
This toy supports science, technology, engineering, and mathematical learning by introducing children to sorting, grouping, counting, designing, constructing, and putting physics into play with spinning gear movement. It also boosts fine motor and problem-solving skills.

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**SQUIGZ BY FAT BRAIN TOYS**

**AGE RANGE:** 3 years old and up | **COST:** $25-$30

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**
Squigz are fun little suckers. Apply pressure to two Squigz. Air rushes out and the fun rushes in. Connecting to each other and to any solid, non-porous surface - Squigz are a species all their own. They flex. They stick. They suck people into creativity.

**DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:**
This unstructured toy allows your child to develop their own ideas and can address motor planning, fine motor strength and endurance, and visual motor/perceptual skills.

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**LITTLE TIKES 3’ TRAMPOLINE**

**AGE RANGE:** 3 years and up | **COST:** $60

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**
The trampoline is a perfect indoor energy burner for toddlers. The Little Tikes Trampoline features a sewn padded cover for safe bouncing and a padded easy grip handle. It assembles easily and is designed for indoor use.

**DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:**
Jumping helps build strength and improve balance and coordination. You will love seeing your child bounce off that unlimited energy and develop their large motor skills! This is a great way to get your toddler active. Having regular opportunities for big movements like jumping can also improve regulation and attention for seated tasks.

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MAGNA-TILES 32-PIECE CLEAR COLORS SET
AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: $150-$300

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:
The original 3D magnetic building sets that engage young minds by fusing together math, science, and creativity. Create flat or 3-dimensional shapes with this set.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:
Sparks hours of imaginative free play in children. Anything they can dream, they can create!

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ORIGINAL GEOSPACE JUMP ROCKET
AGE RANGE: 5 years and up | COST: $15-$30

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:
Kids will have so much fun with our best-selling Jump Rocket. 100% air-powered. Simply slide one foam rocket onto the launching pad tube, jump up, land on the pump pad, and BLAST OFF!

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:
The stomp rocket provides opportunities to practice single leg balance, jumping and eye foot coordination. It encourages movement, as children get to race after the rocket.

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MARBLE RACE BY PARTSBOX IMAGINATION
AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: $18-$35

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:
Marble Race is a plastic learning education toy of various building blocks that connect in any number of combinations to create a fun series of marble slides. It will provide your child with countless hours of fun and entertainment while simultaneously honing their creativity.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:
Marble Race exercises a child’s brain-hand-eye coordination and spatial imagination because there is no fixed single way to assemble the toy. While playing children will also identify a variety of colors, improve their creative thinking abilities to make unique structures.

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MR. POTATO HEAD BY PLAYSKOOL
AGE RANGE: 2 years old and up | COST: $7-$17

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:
Discover all the possibilities of the wonderful and wacky Mr. Potato Head toy! With a variety of different accessories included, kids can use their imaginations for lots of creative play when they mix and match the parts in all kinds of ways to create their own customized tater. Little hands will have so much fun making their favorite tater friend look silly by rearranging parts and creating mixed-up faces. Most parts are compatible with other Mr. Potato Head and Mrs. Potato Head toys.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:
Mr. Potato Head is superb for teaching and building new body part vocabulary. Re-arranging the potato body and face helps children develop hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills while exploring their creativity. Interactive play with Mr. Potato Head and others can lead to expanded communication and turn taking.

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PLAY-DOH FUN FACTORY DELUXE SET
AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: $10-$25

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:
Play-Doh Fun Factory Deluxe Set comes with Play-Doh and a tool set to make all kinds of creations. Let your kids explore and create while at the same time learning new words.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:
Play-Doh provides great sensory experience! It is also a language-rich activity that everyone in the family can participate in. Children learn different kinds of verbs (roll, squeeze, press, push, pull and cut) and adjectives (soft/hard, long/short, big/small), in addition to all the nouns that they can talk about while playing.

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PAL PRO LILY THE LAMB BY BLUEBEE
AGE RANGE: Pre-K to 3 years old | COST: $60-$70

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:
Pal Pro Lily The Lamb is an educational talking plush toy. It connects to any Apple or Android Device with Bluetooth capabilities: smartphones, tablets, laptops, and desktop computers. All Bluebee Pal plush toys have an interactive mouth, which communicates while connected to all Music, Storybook, Educational and AAC Apps.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:
The tactile, visual, and emotional elements Bluebee Pals brings to “app activities” enhance children’s attention and recall, making for vivid, memorable play and learning experiences. Bluebee Pal considered an Assistive Technology Communication device providing enhanced educational opportunities for all children.

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RECOMMENDED BY: Nova Consunto, MS, CCC-SLP
Nova is a bilingual Speech-Language Pathologist who received her Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from UC Davis and her Master’s degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Teachers College, Columbia University. She holds a California license in speech-language pathology and is also ASHA certified. Nova loves making her sessions fun, engaging, and functional for her clients and their families.

RECOMMENDED BY: Sherrean Knops, MS, CCC-SLP
Sherrean is a Speech-Language Pathologist who received her Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology from California State University, East Bay and has an undergraduate degree in Child and Adolescent Development from San Francisco State University. Her passion for working with children and families started 9 years ago when she became a preschool teacher.
**PLASMACAR**

**AGE RANGE:** 3 years old and up | **COST:** $55- $60

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**
The PlasmaCar is an innovative, ride-on toy that harnesses the natural forces of inertia, centrifugal force, friction, and kid power. No batteries, gears, or pedals. Patented safety seat design places rider in a safe, comfortable position and minimizes tipping. Use indoors or out on a smooth, flat surface. Supports up to 220 lbs.

**DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:**
Children can improve their hand-eye coordination and large motor skills by riding and steering the car around indoors or outdoors. Additionally, the PlasmaCar increases independence by allowing children to explore their surroundings in a new way at new speeds. It is a wonderful tool for pretend play; just ask your child where they are going. They could be zooming to the moon or perhaps just down the hallway to the “grocery store”!

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**PLAYFOAM BY EDUCATIONAL INSIGHTS**

**AGE RANGE:** 3 years old and up | **COST:** $6-$30

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**
No-stick Playfoam is perfect for sculpting squishy, squishy creations anywhere and anytime without the mess or stickiness. Just squish up the Playfoam, shape it however you like, then squash it back down and start all over again! Playfoam never dries out, so the creativity never ends.

**DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:**
Sculpting with Playfoam encourages creativity and self-expression and develops fine motor skills. It helps children express creativity and hone communication skills.

**LINK TO PURCHASE:** Amzn.to/2gUa1xt
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**RECOMMENDED BY:** Audrey Osburn, MOT, OTR/L
Audrey is licensed and registered Occupational Therapist who graduated from Xavier University with a bachelor’s degree in Liberal Arts and a master’s degree in Occupational Therapy. She has worked in a pediatric clinic, and school settings, with clients ranging in age from 1 to 20 years. At AbilityPath, Audrey provides services to children in their clinic locations, as well as in a nearby school district.

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**RECOMMENDED BY:** Delmy Jaimes, Early Interventionist
Delmy holds a master’s degree in Clinical Psychology from El Salvador, which has given her a strong background in mental health. She provides individual early intervention sessions both in-home and in developmental groups at AbilityPath’s Burlingame Children’s Services location, and conducts parent-training groups. Delmy also helps with translation to Spanish.
RECOMMENDED BY: Nadine Ginzberg, Early Childhood Special Educator

Nadine, who has been with AbilityPath since 1993, has worked exclusively with children, mostly children with special needs, and she says she wouldn’t want to do anything else. She enjoys working with all of the families, and loves her colleagues at AbilityPath. Nadine describes her work as her “dream job.” Nadine earned her Bachelor of Arts from Washington University and a Master’s Degree from San Francisco State University.

SOUND PUZZLE BOX BY BATTAT
AGE RANGE: 18 months old and up | COST: $15-$20

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:
The Sound Puzzle has been enjoyed by children for over 30 years. It’s one of those super simple, but super perfect toys that engage children on many levels. Basically, it’s a shape sorter with a “sound” twist. When the correct shape is placed in the tube, a sound is created. No batteries. Just the sound produced by the air going into the shape. This toy captivates even the most reluctant puzzle doer.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:
Children can learn shapes in a fun and engaging way that alsodelights their ears when they sort shapes correctly into the appropriate corresponding tube. The Sound puzzle is a super tool for improving young children’s finger dexterity, shape and color vocabulary, and sorting abilities.

LINK TO PURCHASE: Amzn.to/2jt7peH
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RECOMMENDED BY: Jaimie Heiman, Speech-Language Pathologist

Jaimie provides community-based and center-based one-on-one and small group speech therapy services to children and their families. Her services include observations, assessments, and consultations as well as treatment plans and parent training. Prior to joining Abilities United, Jaimie worked in South Bay private practice offices serving children from birth to 18 years. S Jaimie holds an M.A. from California State University, Chico.

FISHER-PRICE LITTLE PEOPLE BIG HELPERS HOME
AGE RANGE: 12 months - 5 years | COST: $30-$50

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:
Playing with Little People Big Helpers Home, children will discover multiple rooms filled with realistic features and lots of hands-on play. As little ones explore the house, playful songs, sounds and phrases encourage them to help around the house, care for their animal friends, and even introduce healthy habits!

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:
It is great for targeting action words, third person pronouns, narrating/sequencing stories, and following single and multi-step directions.

LINK TO PURCHASE: Amzn.to/2XcqWjp
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**ATLAS VIBRATION PORTABLE MASSAGER**  
**AGE RANGE:** All ages | **COST:** $20-$30

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**  
This vibration ball can be used to provide vibration for children who seek touch and movement and provide deep tissue stimulation for relaxation and brain organization.

**DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:**  
This toy provides sensory input, deep tissue stimulation, and touch input to increase sensory processing abilities.

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**TECNO BY QUERCETTI**  
**AGE RANGE:** 4 years old and up | **COST:** $25-$30

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**  
Children love to play with their parents’ tools, and in the Quercetti Tecno carry-case they find all the most common tools, realistic, perfectly functional and totally safe. They can attach the enclosed shapes to create great technical compositions, either flat or three-dimensional giving full expression to their fantasy and creativity.

**DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:**  
Children will discover all types of screws, nuts, bolts and washers that they need to match to the correct tools to be able to insert them in the threaded holes of the Tecno board. Through this type of play, kids will become familiar with basic mechanical skills and practice their manual dexterity.

**LINK TO PURCHASE:** Amzn.to/2A6Eil8  
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Audrey is an Occupational Therapist who graduated from Xavier University with a bachelor’s degree in Liberal Arts and a master’s degree in Occupational Therapy. She has worked in a pediatric clinic, and school settings, with clients ranging in age from 1 to 20 years.
**FAT BRAIN TOYS INNYBIN**  
**AGE RANGE:** 10 months and up  |  **COST:** $25

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**  
The six chunky shape blocks are each designed with fascinating textures that are sure to thrill the fingers. There’s a cube, a diamond, a sphere, a triangle, a flower, and the happy Fat Brain logo. But the best part? As kids push the shapes through the elastic bands of the cube, curiosity is sparked and young minds can’t help but explore, experiment, and discover!

**DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:**  
This helps children learn about spatial relationships, problem solving, and motor planning.

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**OBALL RAINSTICK RATTLE**  
**AGE RANGE:** 3 months and up  |  **COST:** $9

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**  
Rain or shine, it’s always playtime with Bright Starts Rollin’ Rainstick ball. Bright, colorful and nearly indestructible, this ball is made up of 30 finger holes for even the littlest hands to grab, bend and shake. Rainbow beads inside the clear rattle spin and spin from end to end with baby’s help, encouraging the development of fine motor skills. With so many ways to play, you and baby will always have a ball!

**DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:**  
A great toy for children who are beginning to grasp toys. The Toy Ball is lightweight and easy to grasp, and it can help improve fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Additionally, interactive play with the Oball helps older children practice verbal and non-verbal communication and turn taking.

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TOY VET PLAY SET BY B. CRITTER CLINIC
AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: $35-80

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:
Foster a child's imagination with the Toy Vet Play Set. This cute portable pet hospital includes plush animal friends and features colorful room doors with matching keys. A convenient carrying handle makes transportation easy.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:
This play set is a wonderful tool for expanding a child's vocabulary through creative pretend play. Kids can also develop fine motor skills and make predictions as they care for plush animal friends at their very own clinic!

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RECOMMENDED BY: Tammy Steinkoler, RPE/CF, Speech Language Pathologist
Tammy is a bilingual (Spanish) Speech-Language Pathologist at AbilityPath. She is originally from Costa Rica and moved to the Bay Area two years ago. Previously, Tammy worked in private practice and in school settings with kids with special needs.

LEGO DUPLO MY FIRST CAR CREATIONS
AGE RANGE: 18 months and up | COST: $15-$20

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:
Build 4 cute vehicles out of big building blocks: a toy taxi, garbage truck toy, fire truck toy and a toy helicopter. Enjoy endless pretend play with the traffic light and character decorations, then mix up the bricks and create new toy trucks and toy cars for toddlers!

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:
This toy is a wonderful option to teach children basic puzzle and building skills. So many children love transportation toys, and this teaches them to build their own!

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RECOMMENDED BY: Audrey Osburn, MOT, OTR/L
Audrey is an Occupational Therapist who graduated from Xavier University with a bachelor’s degree in Liberal Arts and a master’s degree in Occupational Therapy. She has worked in a pediatric clinic, and school settings, with clients ranging in age from 1 to 20 years.
MY FAMILY BUILDERS SET
AGE RANGE: 4 years and up | COST: $30-$75

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:
Create your own combination of family and friends with MyFamilyBuilders™ wood-crafted magnetic block sets. Celebrate diversity with figures that show a variety of skin tones and facial features. Just choose a head, body, and legs - the magnets hold the pieces together securely!

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:
This set is a great way to work on using children using more descriptive language, understanding and using prepositions, and engaging in pretend play with their dolls! As a bonus, it is a great way to celebrate diversity and make a doll that looks like you or someone you know!

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MYTOWN STICKER PAD BY MELISSA & DOUG
AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: $5-$10

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:
Over 200 reusable stickers include characters, vehicles, and furniture to fill five reusable play scenes! Glossy reusable backgrounds feature a school, grocery store, restaurant, hospital, and fire house, all with inviting cross-section art to encourage imaginative play and storytelling. The cling-style stickers are easy to place, peel, and reposition, and the oversize background scenes and sticker pages tear out cleanly to arrange side by side, or to pass around and share with a group.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:
The Sticker Pad is a great tool for improving fine motor skills, narrative thinking, communication skills, and creative expression. Conversations with your child about what happens in their town are an opportunity for pronoun practice and vocabulary expansion.

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RECOMMENDED BY: Molly Ramassini, MS, CCC-SLP
Molly Ramassini received her Bachelor’s degree from the University of Florida and her Master’s degree from Florida State University, both in Communication Science and Disorders. She holds a California license in speech-language pathology and is also ASHA certified. She has worked in a variety of settings including public schools and private practices, including the Social Thinking Clinic in San Jose, California. Her areas of expertise and passion include working with students with social learning challenges, autism spectrum diagnoses, and expressive/receptive language delays, among other areas.

RECOMMENDED BY: Nadine Ginzberg, Early Childhood Special Educator
Nadine, who has been with AbilityPath since 1993, has worked exclusively with children, mostly children with special needs, and she says she wouldn’t want to do anything else. She enjoys working with all of the families, and loves her colleagues at AbilityPath. Nadine describes her work as her “dream job.” Nadine earned her Bachelor of Arts from Washington University and a Master’s Degree from San Francisco State University.
BATTAT – POP-UP PALS
AGE RANGE: 18 months and up | COST: $10

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:
The pop-up pals from Battat is a hands-on, toddler and baby pop up toy with 4 friendly animals! Colorful animals pop up for a little cause-and-effect action! This pop-up activity toy is easy to bring anywhere with the built-in handle. Ready, set, pop!

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:
This interactive and engaging pop up toy is great for building fine motor skills like grasp, wrist rotation, finger isolation, and eye-hand coordination. It also helps teach cause and effect, shapes, animals, and color recognition. It is visually stimulating with bright colors and tends to be very popular.

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