39 What C	hildren Will Learn this Week 3-5 Years
Language/ Literacy	 Understanding Words and Letters How to understand, comprehend, and interpret information in a book Learning new words The name, sound, written form, and uses of the letter I
12 ³ Mathematics	Counting Things Using counting on to add two groups of items
Social Studies	 Exploring Where We Live How rooms can be different when we move to another home How family belongings are unpacked and put where they belong Ways to become familiar with a new neighborhood and make new friends
Science	 Exploring Earth and Space Characteristics of rain Characteristics of snow Characteristics of clouds and wind
Physical/ Health	 Moving Our Bodies Practicing throwing a ball up in the air Practicing catching a ball





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Social Studies	 Children benefit from adult help in learning about places where they live. Families with children often move frequently. Provide your child with experiences in learning about a new setting by exploring a part of your current neighborhood or community that is unfamiliar to your child. Go on a walk to see different places and maybe meet people. Talk about how your family might use the places you see. 	 Creating a story with your child can bolster important language skills. Invite your child to make up a story about a topic of interest to your child. Start with "Once upon a time" and take turns adding to the story's plot. This activity can work well while riding in a car. The story does not need to be written. Encourage your child to think of ways to change part of the story. 	Language/ Literacy
Physical/ Health	 Catching a ball can support your child's skill in coordinating body movements and eye control. Gently toss a large soft ball toward the space between your child's waist and shoulders. Examples of soft balls: beach, foam, yarn. Encourage your child to keep his/her eyes on the ball and to use both hands to catch the ball. Roll a ball for your child to catch if your child shows concern about catching a gently-thrown ball. 	 Practicing simple addition skills can strengthen your child's understanding of numbers. There are many ways to engage children in adding items. Form a group of 5–7 small toys, add 2–3 more items, and ask your child how many items are in the group all together. Or form two small groups of items and ask your child how many there are all together. Add challenge by varying the sizes. 	12 ³ Mathematics
		 Exploring characteristics of different types of weather can improve children's understandings of earth and space. Library books and web resources can be used to help your child learn about types and origins of weather, especially types of weather that do not occur where you currently live. Consider activities, such as grinding ice cubes in a blender, to create "snow" that can be touched and studied with a magnifying glass. 	S cience

