

# Helpful Learning Activities for Children 36-48 Months Old

## Focus on: *Fine Motor Development*

### Cereal Necklaces.

Make a necklace you can eat by stringing Cheerios or Froot Loops on a piece of yarn or string. Wrap a short piece of tape around the end of the string to make a firm tip for stringing.



### Copying Drawings.

Find large pieces of paper or cardboard for your child to draw on. Using crayons, pencils, or markers, play a drawing game where you follow his lead by copying exactly what he draws. Next, encourage your child to copy your drawings, such as circles or straight lines.

### Easy Homemade Birdfeeder.

Make a bird feeder using peanut butter and birdseed. Help your child find a pinecone or a piece of wood to spread peanut butter on. Roll in or sprinkle with seeds and hang in a tree or outside a window. While your child watches the birds, ask her about the number, size, and color of the different birds that visit.



### Practice with Fasteners.

When your child is getting dressed, encourage her to practice with buttons and zippers. Play a game of Peek-a-boo to show her how buttons go through the holes. Pretend the zipper is a choo-choo train going "up and down" the track.