



Children learn through play and active exploration. The suggestions below may be helpful in choosing appropriate toys for holidays and other special times. They include sensory based activities to provide organizing sensation and encourage the development of body awareness, as well as games to promote eye-hand coordination, visual perception and planning. Approximate ages or skill levels have been given to help guide your choices. Many items can be purchased at toy stores or through the catalogues listed. Ask your occupational therapist for help in deciding which games or toys are the best choices for your child.

Games to Develop Coordination, Problem Solving and Visual Perception:

Younger Ages (3-6 years)

Acorn Soup
Ants in the Pants
Avalanche Fruit Stand
Busytown (by Richard Scarry)
Cat in the Hat I Can Do That!
Charades for Kids
Cootie
Crazy Cereal
Crocodile Hop
Don't Break the Ice
Don't Spill the Beans
Dream Cakes
Elefun
Enchanted Cupcake Party Game
Fastrack
Feed the Woozle
Frankie's Food Truck Fiasco
Gobbler Gobblers
Gumball Grab (Lakeshore)
Hit the Hat
Honey Bee Tree
Hungry Hungry Hippos (or Dino Edition)
I Spy Bingo and Memory Games
Journey Through Time Eye Found it! Game
Jumping Jack
Labyrinth Treasure Hunt
Loopin' Chewie/Loopin' Louie
Matching Eggs
Melissa and Doug Sequencing Set
Monkeying Around
Mr. Mouth
Pancake Pile-Up
Pop the Pig
Pop up Pirate
Q-Bitz Jr
Shelby's Snack Shack
Silly Street
Skippity
Sneaky Snack Squirrel
Sorting Shapes Cupcakes
Spot It Jr
Sturdy Birdy
Tall Stacker Pegs Building Set (Lauri)
Thin Ice
Very Hungry Caterpillar Game
Zimbos

Older Kids (7 and up)

Acuity
Battleship
Blokus
Bounce Off
Burger Mania
Code Names
Connect Four
Connectors Mission Space
Crab Stack
Cranium Cadoo
Cubeez
Doodle Quest
Dr. Playwell's Learning Self Control in School
Go Go Gelato
Guess Who
In a Pickle
IQ Fit/IQ Twist
Jenga
Kanoodle
Kerplunk/ Tumble
Labyrinth Game (Ravensburger)
Laser Maze/ Laser Maze Jr.
Mastermind
Operation
Perfection
PicMix
Pictureka!
Q-Bitz
Qwirkle
Robot Face Race
Roller Coaster Challenge
Rush Hour/ Rush Hour Jr
Set Jr./ Set
Sequence
Shadows in the Forest (Thinkfun)
Shape by Shape (Thinkfun)
Simon
Slamwich
Spot it!
Sushi Scramble
Taco vs. Burrito Card Game
Tangramino (FoxMind)
Ticket to Ride: First Journey
Topple
Visual Brainstorms

For Sensory Motor Development and Coordination:

Provides Organizing Sensory Input

Ball Pit
Blo-pens
Body Sox
Bop/Kick Bag
Breathe With Me Barbie Doll
Chewy Tubes and Chewelry
Crash Pads/ Hot Dog Cuddler (Fun & Function/ Southpaw)
Cuddle Loop
Doorway Swing (Young Explorers)
Kinetic Sand/Floof/Playfoam
Fidgets: Pop Its, Pop Tubes, Tangle, Inside Out Balls
Foof Chair/Large Beanbag/ Yogibo
Gorilla Gym
Gymnic Rody Horse
Jigglers (Abilitations)
Huggle Pod (HearthSong)
Jump-o-lene
Kablooey Blocks (Young Explorers)
Magical Mixing Science Kit
Massagers for Kids
My First Trampoline
Parachute
Play Tents
Quaddro Construction
Rocking Horse/Spring Horse
Sand Digger
Scooter Boards
Socker Boppers
Step-A-Logs, Sensory Stepperz, Carpet Markers
Super Skipper/ 2 in 1 Musical Jump & Toss
Teeter Popper
Triangle Climber with Ramp
Ultimate Fort Builder (Lakeshore Learning)
Water Beads
Weighted Wearables/Blankets (Fun & Function)
Whistles/ Bubble Blowers
Yoga Dice Game/ Yoga Spinner Game

More Skilled Coordination Needed

Air Pogo Jumper
Balance Bike
Balance Jousting Set (HearthSong)
Bilibo Seat
Bungee Jumper
Bucket Stilts/ Balance Stilts
Disc Swing
Door Pong
Easy Outdoor Space Dome Climber
Figure Eight Balance Beam Set
Flying Turtle/ Roller Racer
Fun Ride/Night Riderz Zipline
Hippity Hop Ball
Hop Scotch Ring Game
Inflatable Hop 'n Go Horses/Unicorns (HearthSong)
Jump Ropes
Radio Flyer Cyclone
Lightning Pedal Go-Kart/ Sirocco Pedal Go-Kart
Monkey Balance Board/ Spooner Board
Moon Bounce Shoes/ Bouncy Jumping Shoes (HearthSong)
Ninja Obstacle Course
Plasma Car
Pogo Stick
Razor Scooters
Roll With It (HearthSong)
Rope Ladder
Sit & Spin
Skip It
Slackline (Beginners is suggested for most of our kids)
Sleds & Snow Tubes/ Fold and Stow Snow Scooter
Child's Inflatable Punching Bag
Sumo Bumper Bopper
Target Net (Soccer, Floor Hockey, etc.)
The Floor is Lava Game
Twister
Wheel Walker (HearthSong)

Activities that Develop Eye-Hand Coordination and Visual-Spatial Planning:

Visual Control/Eye-Hand Coordination:

Air Puck Hockey
Fishing in the Tub (Alex)
Beamo Flying Disc
Bounce-Off
Bucket Blast Game Set
Deluxe Archery Set with Target
Dilly Dally Turtle Target Game
Egg and Spoon Race Game Set
Flip Flop Faces (Discovery Toys)
Geospace Pop and Catch
Giant Bowling Game
Glow-in-the-Dark Air Target Game (HearthSong)
Hopscotch Mat
Kids Croquet
Ladder Toss/ Ladder Golf
Nerf Basketball

Constructional Creating & Building Activities:

Block Buddies
Design & Drill Activity Center
Equilibrio Game
Flower Garden Building Toy
Gearjits (Mindware)
Georello
Gravity Maze
I Can Build It! Vehicle Set (Lakeshore Learning)
iTrax Critical Thinking Game
K'nex/ Legos/ Duplos/ Quatro Bucket
Light Stax
Lincoln Logs
Magz Construction Set / Magnatiles
Magnetic Mosaics
Make N' Break Challenge/ Make N' Break Junior
Marble Run

Activities that Develop Eye-Hand Coordination and Visual Spatial Planning (cont.):

Visual Control/ Eye-Hand Coordination:

Ogosport/ Mini Ogodisks
Remote Control Cars and Toys
Ring Toss Game/ Rubber Horseshoes
Safety Dart Board
Shufflezone
Sky Spin/ Whistling Whirler (Discovery Toys)
Spikeball
Super Swingball
Suspend Game
Toss Across/ Bean Bag Toss Games
Trapp Ball
Zoom Ball

Constructional Creating & Building Activities:

Perler Beads
Potholder Loom Kit
Remote Control Gear-Bot (Lakeshore Learning)
Rainbow Loom
Straw Constructor Building Toys
Tangoes
Snap-Bots
Snap Circuits
Squigz
Take Apart Dino Toys
Zip Track (Discovery Toys)
Zoob

Activities To Support Fine Motor Development and Writing:

Pre-Writing Skills (Ages 3-5)

Adventure Car Racetrack
Aquadoodle Mats and Pens
Art Kits (crayons, crayon rocks, paints, etc.)/ Easels
Basic Skills Puzzle Board (Melissa & Doug)
Big Feelings Pineapple
Block Sets
Buckle Toy Bentley Caterpillar
Button Art (Alex Toys)
Colorforms Big Wall Playset
Create and Design Drill Kit (Lakeshore Learning)
Crayola Beginnings Color Me a Song
Crayola Color Explosion Glow Board
Dot Art/ Dot Markers
Dressing Dolls/ Woodkins
Froggy Feeding Fun
Lacing Cards
Learn the Alphabet! Dough Mats (Lakeshore Learning)
Lite Brite
Magnetic Drawing Board
Magnetic Pattern Block Set
My Tissue Art (Alex)
Pig Popper
Playdoh/ Silly Putty/ Theraputty
Playful Patterns (Discovery Toys)
Pop Beads
Ready, Set, Cut (Alex)
Scratch Magic/ Scratch Art
Squeeze and Brush Painters
Squiggle Writer Pen
Squigz
Tape Activity Books (Melissa & Doug)
Velcro Cutting Foods
Water Wow
Willy's Wiggly Web
Wipe Clean Pen Control Books
Zoo Sticks / Fish Sticks/ Farm Sticks(Tongs)

Drawing & Writing Skills (Ages 6 and older)

Arts & Crafts Projects
Backseat Drawing Game
Boogie Board Magic Sketch
Callarobics (handwriting exercises set to music)
Colorblock Chalkboard Build-A-Fort Kit
ChalkScapes Roll-Up Chalk Mat
ChalkScapes Mandalas Sidewalk Stencils Chart Art Kit
Color Pops: Color Your Own Pillow (Hearthsong)
Crazy Aaron's Thinking Putty with Emotions
Doodle Dice
Doodle Coloring Books
Easy Tie Shoelaces (Dual Colored)
Etch-a-Sketch
Geoboards
Get the Picture Dot-to-Dot Race
Knot a Quilt Kit
Kwik Stix
Latch Kits
Learn to Write Practice Books (Lakeshore Learning)
Letter Treasure Hunt
Maze/Dot to Dot/Mad Lib Books
Peel & Stick Collage Boards
Pictionary
Puzzlemania (Highlights Magazine)
Scissor Skills Activity Pad (Melissa & Doug)
Scratch and Sketch Activity Books
Sequin Art
Shrinky Dinks
Spin Art
Spirograph
Stained Glass Coloring Book
Suncatcher Kit
Thinking Putty Puzzle
Wikki Stix Activity Set
Window Art
Window Decorating Paints/ Window Markers

Below is a list of catalogs that our staff uses frequently when purchasing games and toys for our therapy activities. They support developmental and play skills for children at a variety of ages and skill levels. When an item is not readily found through a google search the maker or catalog name is listed after it.

Catalogs:

Beyond Play (877) 428-1244 beyondplay.com
Constructive Playthings (800) 448-4115 constructiveplaythings.com/
Discovery Toys (800) 341-8697 discoverytoys.net/shop-now/
Fun and Function (800) 231-6329 funandfunction.com/
Hearth Song (800) 325-2502 hearthsong.com
Highlights (800) 422-6202 highlights.com
Mindware (800) 999-0398 mindware.com
Sensational Beginnings (800) 444-2147 sensationalbeginnings.com
Southpaw Enterprises (800) 228-1698 southpaw.com/
Therapro (800) 257-5376 theraproducts.com
Young Explorers (800) 239-7577 YoungExplorers.com