

# BUZZ WORD

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# Entertainment

Something that amuses or interests.

**Activity Book**

## Bringing the BUZZ to You!

The Buzzword partners designed this kit to inspire your family to keep learning together. We chose activities that build on your child's natural curiosity, encouraging a growing vocabulary and a deeper engagement with books.

So, who's ready to unbox the BUZZ?! First, read through **Zuri Ray and the Backyard Bash**, written by **Tami Charles** and illustrated by **Sharon Sordo** with your child. Then, go through the different activities and ideas together, taking time to explain the meaning of the words and connecting them to your child's real-life experiences.

## ENTERTAINMENT Book Recommendations from Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Whether you're celebrating a special day, getting together with your community or just putting on an impromptu dance party, you can find joy in all sorts of ENTERTAINMENT with your little one. Check out these books from Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to read about all types of celebrations.

<https://bit.ly/buzzfun>



## Personalized Recommendations

Looking for a good book, album, movie or TV show? We're happy to recommend them to you! Use this Personalized Recommendations form to send a CLP librarian some information about what you like and we'll curate a list just for you.

[www.carnegielibrary.org/match](http://www.carnegielibrary.org/match)

# ENTERTAINMENT Dance Painting

**Materials:** paper roll, paint, sponge roller, music, your body

**Step 1:** Place at least two feet of paper on the floor. Note: Tile or the ground outside is better than carpet.

**Step 2:** Pour one or two colors of paint on a plate.

**Step 3:** Use sponges to paint the bottom of your feet.

**Step 4:** Play music and dance on the paper to create art.

**Step 5:** After your dance, use a paint brush to add to your artwork.

**Step 6:** Hang the paper to dry.



# I Can Use Science to Provide ENTERTAINMENT!

Crayons are made of wax, which repels– or pushes away– water. When you paint over crayon with watercolor paint, notice how the paint will only stick to the clean paper and not the waxy crayon marks.

**Materials:** 1 white crayon, water color paint set, white cardstock, water

**Step 1:** Find your white crayon and a piece of cardstock.

**Step 2:** Draw on the cardstock with your white crayon. It will be hard to see for now– that’s okay!

**Step 3:** Find your cup and fill it with water. Take out your watercolor paint and paintbrush.

**Step 4:** Now it’s time to wow your family and friends with some ENTERTAINMENT. Perform your magic trick by dipping your paintbrush in the water then swirling it in one of the watercolor paints.

**Step 5:** Paint on your cardstock and watch your crayon artwork appear like magic!

**Extension Activity:** What else might keep watercolor paint from sticking to the paper? With a grown up’s help, find some materials around the house to experiment with. Some suggestions: tape, glue, etc.

# Make a Paper Cup Drum

**Materials:** plain paper cup, wax paper, rubber band, and decorations (washi tape, stickers, gems, etc).

**Step 1:** Gather your materials.

**Step 2:** Use materials to decorate the outside of your drum any way you would like!

**Step 3:** Take the wax paper and place it over the opening of the paper cup. While you hold the wax paper over the cup, have your grown up place the rubber band over the top of the cup to hold the wax paper tightly in place.

**Step 4:** Now, it’s time to provide some ENTERTAINMENT for everyone with your new drum! Rock out!



# Ballet ENTERTAINMENT

In our story, Zuri and her friends perform steps from their ballet class to entertain friends and family. Did you know ballet vocabulary uses French language that also translates in English? See if you can put some of these movements together to create your own dance. You can always add costumes or anything else that inspires you to the final performance.

**Materials:** picture cards, anything in your home that helps your final performance (costumes, a place to perform, or anything that inspires you!)

**Step 1:** Review each action on the picture cards and see how you can do that movement with your body.

**Step 2:** Shuffle the cards and lay three out on the floor in front of you.

**Step 3:** Put all three moves together in order to make a dance.

**Step 4:** Perform your three actions together as a dance for family and friends.

**Step 5:** Scan the QR code to perform to the music from Swan Lake, just like Zuri and her friends in the story.



**Step 6:** Repeat the steps with different dance cards.

**Extension activity:** Scan the QR code below to see an excerpt from this performance. Do you notice any of the steps that you performed in this dance?



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# Let's Create a Celebration ENTERTAINMENT Stick!

Zuri Ray celebrated the end of summer with friends, family, dogs, and a curious squirrel, too! The ENTERTAINMENT made everyone feel happy, even when things didn't go as planned. Think of a loved one you would like to celebrate using art and ENTERTAINMENT. We will create a celebratory ENTERTAINMENT Stick to use in imaginative and fun ways.

**Materials:** Wood spoon, decoration materials (ribbons, gems, googly eyes, foam pieces)\*

**Step 1:** Use your materials to decorate the wooden spoon.

**Step 2:** Use your ENTERTAINMENT Stick as a:

Magic wand in a magic show

Rhythm stick for tapping out a drum solo

Baton to conduct an imaginary orchestra

Stick puppet for a puppet show

Ribbon wand for dance moves

Microphone to sing a song

## Extension Activities:

Can you think of other loved ones to celebrate? Try out other art forms from the list, and use your ENTERTAINMENT Stick to celebrate them.

Go outside with your ENTERTAINMENT Stick to welcome fall or say goodbye to summer. Look around for small natural materials (such as seeds, twigs, or fallen leaves) that you can add to your ENTERTAINMENT Stick with glue or tape (not included).



\* Note: This activity contains small parts that could pose a choking hazard. Adult supervision required.

# Singing is a Form of ENTERTAINMENT!

Let's entertain our friends and family! ENTERTAINMENT comes in many shapes and forms. Today, you are going to decorate your very own microphone to put on the best performance ever! Before you start your performance, make sure you have an audience full of the people you love so you can entertain them!

**Materials:** plastic microphone, decoration materials (stickers, washi tape, gems, etc), your own beautiful voice!

**Step 1:** Find your very own microphone. Set aside.

**Step 2:** Take out the bag of decoration materials and find some you like.

**Step 3:** Decorate your microphone to get it ready for your performance.

**Step 4:** Spend the next few minutes thinking of your favorite song that you want to sing for your audience. Practice a few times and throw in some dance moves and props from around your house!

**Step 5:** Use your microphone to sing your song and provide wonderful ENTERTAINMENT for your audience!

**Extension Activity:** Ask your audience to join in and sing a song with you. Everyone can join in and sing or dance to create a fun performance for the whole family!

Grownups, singing with your early learner is a great way to enhance language development through exploring the rhythm of language.

# Beach Ball Tennis

Have you ever watched the Summer Olympics? It's you and your family's turn to join in on the ENTERTAINMENT of outdoor games with beach ball tennis!

**Materials:** paper plates, self-adhesive craft sticks, beach ball, decoration materials (stickers, gems, washi tape, etc)

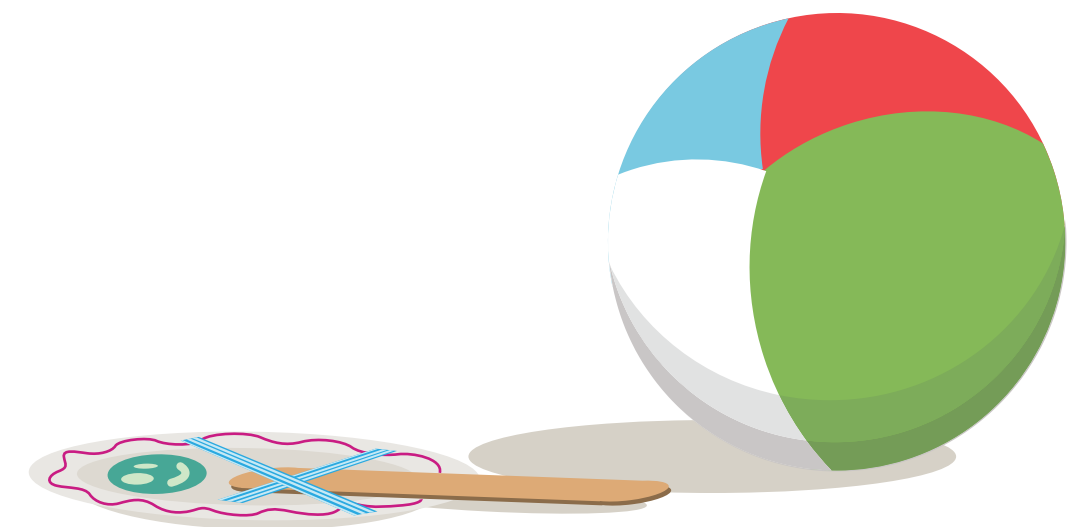
**Step 1:** Decorate your paper plates.

**Step 2:** Attach the self-adhesive craft stick towards the bottom of the paper plate to finish your tennis racket.

**Step 3:** Blow up a beach ball.

**Step 4:** Grab your racket, beach ball, and play outside for outdoor ENTERTAINMENT!

**Extension Activity:** Ask a friend or other family members to join your game! What other games can you play with a racket and beach ball? See how many game ideas you can come up with!



## Research Says

From birth to age five years, young children's brains are rapidly developing. During this time, little ones are more open to learning and becoming inspired. Talking with a child helps increase vocabulary development and communication skills needed throughout life.

A child's early vocabulary skills grow in real-life settings through positive interactions and conversations about the world.



## Who Are We?

Buzzword excites children and families as they experience the words that are all around them. Through talk and play that incorporates math, science, and art, young children will expand their vocabularies and conversation skills. The program engages families and community organizations throughout Allegheny County.

Buzzword consists of partner organizations with expertise in the arts and sciences and local family centers. These partners provide interactive learning opportunities that encourage imagination, investigation, creation, and reflection. Buzzword is supported by PNC Grow Up Great® and the Allegheny County Department of Human Services.

### Partner Organizations:



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