

# DETROIT

## Five super fun activities that get kids excited to learn

(StatePoint) Looking for activities for kids that offer some educational value? The good news is that you don't need to sacrifice fun. Here are five awesome gift ideas that will get school-age kids excited about learning outside the classroom.

1. With the Magic Adventures Microscope, young biologists can explore tiny worlds full of huge discoveries, zooming in on flowers, animals, food, minerals and more using eight double-sided smart slides that activate amazing BBC videos and images. Inquiring minds can discover answers to curious questions like: How do leaves change colors? What do plant cells look like? What is sand made of anyway? They can also make their own discoveries by finding things around the house and getting a closer look using the reusable slides or large sample tray. With up to 200x magnification on this real microscope, kids will be amazed by what they see. A capture-and-save feature allows for documenting findings, and included games and quizzes add to the fun and let kids put their knowledge to the test.

2. Reading enthusiasts will love a subscription to a book of the month club offering selections for their reading level and interests. This is not only a great way to promote a lifelong love of literature, it can help a young reader build their home library.

3. Fledgling explorers can travel the world and see everything in it with the Magic Ad-

ventures Globe from LeapFrog. Using the stylus, children can tap on the interactive learning globe and experience new places, languages, cultures, animals, geography, habitats and more through high-quality BBC videos. Featuring an integrated video screen, animations and live-action videos fully immerse kids in the curriculum to provide a better understanding of the world through more than five hours of videos. They can also play interactive games to explore the globe, challenge a friend and solve mysteries. With its focus on curriculum-based content and important foundational skills, LeapFrog toys offer experiences that make learning fun.

4. Encourage kids to become informed citizens of the world with a subscription to a news magazine designed just for them, such as "The Week Junior." This is an excellent way to build vocabulary, while engaging kids on a wide range of subjects -- from culture and arts to science and government -- in a way that's appropriate for their age.

5. Foster a love of fine arts with an all-in-one sketching, painting and coloring set complete with everything they need to unleash their inner Picasso. Pencils, markers, acrylic and watercolor paints, along with brushes, paper pads and canvas boards, will give artists of all ages the foundational tools they need to try their hand in various mediums.

# NATIVE SUN

## Telford Telescope: In Memoriam

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Wayne Dyer, whom I coached in track in

high school, later brought on as my assistant coach at Pershing High, and ultimately edited his doctoral dissertation. Also gone are All-City Pershing track stars we coached-- Elliott Haskins, Dennis Turner, and Tom "Outlaw" Jones--and my Southeastern stars Obra Purnell, Lorinzo Gainier, Marcel McGehee, and Bob Kemp.

Gone, too, are my swift United States track teammates Lang Stanley, Cliff Cushman, and Rafer Johnson--and my rocket-fast WSU teammates Cliff Hatcher and "Bullet Billy" Smith, who ran with me and Ralph Williams of St. Kitts, B.W.I. on the 1956 Penn Relays and Ohio Relays champion half-mile relay team. Others include my speedy teammate, colleague, and mentor Pete Petross--and the great Will Robinson, with whom I coached champions--he in basketball, and I in track. Also forever gone are girls of my youth Lila and Carmen from Northwestern, Peggy from Harlem, and Katie from Denby and Colorado. Heartbreakingly gone, too, is my wife Adrienne (see 2012 photo of us--she passed on January 7, 2021--the day

'Goodbye, Good Friend' -

When my friend Wayne yet rode on high  
But wouldn't see another sky,  
We hadn't time to say goodbye.

On my morning WCHB AM1340 show on Dec. 3, I memorialized 83 friends, family, and comrades who've passed. They include my talented protege

after the treasonous Trump fomented the Capitol Building invasion). My cousin Carl--with whom I grew up more as brother than cousin, and my cousin Beverly's husband Bill Arce--have also passed, as has my old friend Dick Otten, with whom I go back to 16th Street in 1938 when we were two years old.



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