



My Neighborhood – PreK and Kindergarten

The “My Neighborhood” Theme is intended to provide indoor and outdoor experiences for your child to learn more about his/her neighborhood and community. These activities can be done individually or combined with any of our Family Activity Planner Themes, including “Fun at Home,” “Think Green,” and “My Family and I.”

Subject	Activities
Reading & Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Draw a picture or make a collage of yourself. <input type="checkbox"/> Visit the local library and read a book with your parents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Related activity on abcteach: Collage Art Projects - Self-Portrait <input type="checkbox"/> Write down your first and last name, address, and phone number. Practice saying your address and phone number aloud to your parents.
Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take a walk through your neighborhood. Identify signs to keep you safe, such as street or traffic signs. What else do you see (houses, church, stores, school, trees, grass, fences, etc.)? <input type="checkbox"/> Name “community helpers” who visit your neighborhood. Examples include letter carriers, police officers, fire fighters, meter readers, animal control personell, UPS drivers, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Construct paper bag puppets of community helpers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Related activity on abcteach: Paper Bag Puppet: People - Firefighter <input type="checkbox"/> Identify and draw ways for you to stay safe in your neighborhood. Examples might include always being with someone, having an adult help you cross the street, and playing in your own yard.
Math & Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Identify and count the plants and animals that live in your neighborhood. What do they need to survive? <input type="checkbox"/> Help your mom or dad outside by planting flowers or watering the plants and grass. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Related activity on abcteach: Interactive: Notebook: Science: Garden – Word Search <input type="checkbox"/> Pick up any litter that you see outside your house and elsewhere in your neighborhood. <input type="checkbox"/> Take a walk through your neighborhood. Count the number of power lines that you see. Where do those go? What do they do? Where do they come from?

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My Neighborhood – Primary (Grades 1-3)

Subject	Activities
<p>Reading & Writing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Draw a picture of you playing outside your house. Now, write a sentence describing your picture. <input type="checkbox"/> Read about neighborhood buildings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Related activity on abcteach: Early Reader: Neighborhood Buildings (color) <input type="checkbox"/> Visit your local library and read about community helpers. Identify the uniforms that they wear. <input type="checkbox"/> Identify and locate street and traffic signs in your neighborhood. Learn how to follow their directions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Related activity on abcteach: Writing: Story Starters "Stop Sign" (elem) <input type="checkbox"/> Make a book showing all the people, places, and things in your neighborhood that make it special.
<p>Social Studies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take a walk (see the 'Kindergarten' page above). Using a camera, take pictures of what you see. <input type="checkbox"/> Make a photo collage of your neighborhood. If you don't have a camera, draw pictures showing all of the people, places, and things that you saw. <input type="checkbox"/> Using the photos you took on your walk and 3"x5" cards, make flashcards for each image along with its word. <input type="checkbox"/> Visit the local fire/police station or humane society to find out how they help keep your neighborhood safe. <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss "stranger danger" and what you should do if a stranger approaches you.
<p>Math & Science</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Practice using all of your senses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Related activity on abcteach: Chart: Community Walk (primary/elem) <input type="checkbox"/> Identify the plants and animals who live in your neighborhood. Draw and label your favorites. <input type="checkbox"/> With a member of your family, build a birdhouse and fill it with feed. Keep track of the birds' eating habits. When do they eat? How many birds visit the birdhouse? What types of birds are they? <input type="checkbox"/> Start a lemonade stand. You'll need a table, cups, lemonade (you can use fresh lemons, sugar, and water or a lemonade mix). Also, find a box to keep your money and change. Before you begin, decide how much one cup of lemonade should cost. How much should your lemonade cost and why? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Related activity on abcteach: Craft: Savings jar (elem/upper elem)

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My Neighborhood – Upper Elementary (Grades 4-6)

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<p>Reading & Writing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Write a story about a memory you have from your neighborhood. <input type="checkbox"/> Use the library or Internet to find out who your local community leaders are, such as mayor, city council members, state senators, and representatives. List at least 3 of their responsibilities. How do their decisions impact your life? What issues are important to you? <input type="checkbox"/> Take a “photo walk” around your neighborhood. Take pictures of interesting things, print or develop the photos, paste them in a journal, and write notes describing the scenes in your pictures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Make a collage from the pictures you took: Collage Art Project: General Directions
<p>Social Studies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take a walk around your neighborhood. List all the places and things you see. Then, use your list to create a map of your neighborhood. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Related activity on abcteach: Hands-On Map Skills: Draw a Neighborhood (upper elem) <input type="checkbox"/> Using cardboard boxes, construct a model of your neighborhood. Include trees, fences, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Research your community helpers online and find out how they benefit your neighborhood. <input type="checkbox"/> Brainstorm ways you can help keep your neighborhood safe. <input type="checkbox"/> Help an older or ill neighbor around their house or with household errands.
<p>Math & Science</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt an animal from the local animal shelter or humane society. <input type="checkbox"/> Raise money by having a garage sale or lemonade stand and donate your earnings to the local animal shelter or homeless shelter. <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer your time to help clean up your neighborhood environment. <input type="checkbox"/> Learn about the electrical services that power your neighborhood. Where is the power plant that serves your community? What types of power are used to give your home electricity (coal, nuclear, wind, etc.)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Related activity on abcteach: Comprehension: A Day in the Electric Life

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