

# Pointers For Parents

## Help Children Remain Active With Creative Indoor Projects

(NAPSA)—With school vacations, schoolchildren everywhere look forward to days filled with outdoor activities. When rainy days or allergies keep kids home rather than enjoying the sun, it can be a challenge to keep them entertained.

“For kids, the fun and adventure in playing outdoors stems from the variety of play choices and heightened physical activity. Follow this guideline when encouraging indoor play,” says Sissy Biggers, Lifestyle and Crafts expert and mother of two. “Suggest hands-on activities that require creative thinking. Crafting activities allow kids to express themselves.”

Biggers and the makers of the new 3M Printscape™ Creative Printer Product line offer the following tips to help your children discover the creative fun of playing indoors.

- **Every kid can be a Shakespeare.** Encourage children to perform a play. Choose a plot from a favorite book or suggest that kids create their own script. Create simple costumes and props from basic household items.

- **Let's play ball!** Using photos of your child's shining sports moments, you can create trading cards. With the new 3M Printscape™ Personalized Trading Kit, you can place the photo on the front and stats or achievements on the back of the card. Kids can create a variety of designs, also featuring their favorite celebrities and athletes, and trade them with their friends.

- **Show and tell.** Work with your child to create a fun, personalized scrapbook. Use photos, ticket stubs and party favors and decorate with glitter, magazine cutouts and more. “You'll have fun



getting creative together while reminiscing about great times,” adds Biggers. “Your kids will love showing friends and family their artistic masterpiece while telling their travel tales.”

- **Over the river and through the woods.** Help your child compile a few fun family photographs and design a personalized gift bag with the 3M Printscape™ Gift Bag Kit. Grandparents can enjoy their favorite treats inside the bag and keep something to cherish when the visit is over.

- **Get dirty!** Supervise your children as they experiment in the kitchen. Kids can decorate special cookies with sprinkles, frosting and other fun ingredients. Just make sure they are dressed to get dirty. “Children love hands-on activities and making a mess! They'll have a great time and can also learn responsibility by helping to clean up after each messy project,” says Biggers.

Encourage your children to remain active and creative all summer, whether inside or outside. Engaging in imaginative and hands-on activities can help instill a sense of accomplishment in your child. Your children can return to school with adventurous tales of both indoor and outdoor fun!