

Pointers For Parents

Fun Ways To Inspire Kids' Imaginations

(NAPSA)—According to numerous studies, imaginative play in childhood can be critical to cognitive and social development. Research suggests that make-believe games can increase language usage, help with self-regulation, let children express a range of emotions, and teach them to think creatively. In addition, keeping kids' brains active and engaged can help prevent a decline in academic skills during school breaks.

So with all of these benefits, how can you encourage more imaginative play? One idea is to create a prop box



A delightful film about a young girl who creates her own amusement park can be a great way to inspire your children's imaginations and creativity.

filled with items to spark imagination. Objects such as stuffed animals, cardboard boxes, fun clothes, and foreign coins can all inspire kids to pretend.

You can also encourage games and imaginative play that incorporate intellectual challenges. Some examples include designing the best paper airplane, coming up with new games using only a ball and basket, or creating an imaginary place with building toys.

To see some of these ideas brought to life, check out the delightful animated adventure "Wonder Park." The film follows June, a girl with a BIG imagination who uses her knowledge of science to create an imaginary amusement park—that ends up coming to life. Filled with the world's wildest rides operated by fun-loving animals, the excitement never ends. But when trouble hits, June and her furry friends begin an unforgettable journey to save the park.

This "celebration of imagination," as one reviewer called it, can help your kids appreciate the power of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and inspire their own creativity. Plus, the Blu-ray Combo Pack includes even more activities like a sing-along, drawing tutorials and more to keep kids busy and entertained.

As June discovers, imagination is her most powerful tool, and it can help your kids develop not only creativity, but also life skills that will last into adulthood.

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Check out the movie trailer at www.WonderParkMovie.com.