



Holiday Gift Guide for Kids

*Top 25 toys that support development in children of ALL abilities
Recommended by pediatric therapists*

INTRODUCTION - Welcome to Gatepath's Gift Guide!

This complimentary, one-of-a-kind "Holiday Gift Guide for Kids" was created by Gatepath's dedicated team of pediatric therapists to make it easier for parents and caregivers to select toys during the holiday season that best support their child's development. Because all kids are unique, regardless of ability, toys are not organized by stages of development or age, but are listed in alphabetical order with a description of the developmental benefits associated with each toy.

The therapist recommends toys or games based on how they stimulate language development, social skills, creativity, and small and large motor skill development. In this way, the gift guide helps parents choose toys that build or reinforce a variety of skill sets and targets a child's individual level of growth and learning; additionally, some featured toys may help with a child's sensory processing.

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ABOUT GATEPATH

Gatepath has been a cornerstone of our community for more than 97 years, providing support services to individuals with special needs and developmental disabilities in the greater Bay Area. As a 501 (C)(3), our nonprofit mission is to empower people with special needs to achieve their full potential through innovative, inclusive programs and community partnerships. With educational, therapeutic, vocational and family support services, we are distinctive in providing support to an individual throughout his or her lifetime. We collaborate with businesses, third party providers, local nonprofits and various organizations to bring the highest quality services to the children, youth and adults in our programs. Together, we are creating a world where people of all abilities are fully accepted, respect and included in all aspects of life – in the classroom, the workplace and in our communities.

For more information, visit Gatepath.org. Our local online resource center is available at Smcfr.org where families can connect to invaluable resources and support services.

ABOUT GATEPATH'S CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Gatepath's [Children's Services](#) include a wide range of programs designed to nurture and support a child's development in a compassionate, inclusive, and fun environment that treats each child as a unique individual. Our team of dedicated specialists is trained to nurture all aspects of a child's motor, cognitive, communication, sensory, social, and emotional development. Our services include: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Therapy, Early Intervention, FREE Online Developmental Screenings, School Readiness and Mommy & Me Classes, Parent Support Groups & Resources.

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By Gatepath Pediatric Therapists

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BARNYARD BINGO GAME BY FISHER PRICE

AGE RANGE: 24 months and up | COST: \$17-\$32



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

This barn of friendly animals teaches kids matching and colors as they try to be the first to get “Bingo!” by matching the three animals on their barnyard fence card. Another game variation involves your child matching three color chips to their barnyard fence card. The game comes with various animal picture cards, chips of different colors, and barnyard fence cards.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

Barnyard Bingo encourages thinking and problem solving, sharing and cooperation, curiosity and discovery, and develops fine motor skills.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2ylz5sl](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000050001)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Nicole Longa, Early Childhood Special Educator

Nicole has a master’s degree and Level II teaching credential from San Francisco State University in Early Childhood Special Education. She is the lead for the Early Childhood Special Educators and Early Interventionists for Gatepath’s Children’s Services department, and manages the Little Explorers program.



CUTTING PLAY FOOD SET BY MELISSA & DOUG

AGE RANGE: 2-6 years old | COST: \$17

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

This wooden play food set is perfect for young chefs looking to explore a little mealtime fun--without the mess! It includes wooden food that can be sliced into sections, a cutting board, and a wooden knife. Cutting the food makes a satisfying “crunch”--and provides a playful introduction to concepts of “whole,” “part,” and fractions.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

The Cutting Play Food Set is perfect for pretend play and introducing concepts of part and whole. Group play with the wooden food also can increase a child’s ability to follow directions and expand their vocabulary of fruits, colors, and actions.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2iT3do8](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000050001)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Angie Marshall, MA, CCC-SLP

Angie is an ASHA certified and California licensed speech-language pathologist with over 18 years’ experience working with children. For three years, she was part of a multidisciplinary team at Center for Learning and Achievement (aka Kidscope) that provided comprehensive assessments for children, primarily focusing on complex developmental delays, autism, and ADHD to provide appropriate referrals, treatment plans, and resources for families.



AIVIAI DANCE MUSIC SCARVES

AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: \$9



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The colorful silk scarves are light, soft and great quality, also well played with. Suitable for musical play purpose, kindergarten, dance group, magic tricks performance or decorate your bag. Size: 24x24-inches

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

These scarves are great for sensory exploration as they are a nice soft texture, and all the bright colors capture the interest of children of all ages. I use them for babies to play peekaboo, to hide inside various containers, and to just let them hold or even put in their mouth.

For toddlers and preschool aged children, these scarves are fantastic for music and movement activities! Children love to dance with the scarves and toss them in the air, watching as they float back down. They can also practice color identification, matching, and sorting with these scarves!

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2BMyWMC](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08M5W5M5C)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Olivia Easterly, Early Childhood Special Educator

Olivia is an Early Childhood Special Educator who has been a part of the Gatepath Children's Therapy and Learning Links Preschool team for four years. She earned her Master's Degree in Special Education with an authorization of Early Intervention from the University of Oregon and holds a California Level I Education Specialist Instruction Credential. Olivia strongly advocates for inclusion within schools and the community and loves to share her passion for acceptance with her students and families.



DOCTOR'S KIT BY RICDECOR

AGE RANGE: 2-5 years old | COST: \$15 -\$20

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The Doctor's Kit is a medical carrying case that contains safe plastic medical toys, such as a thermometer and stethoscope, a retractable syringe, safe for play medical scissors, and cute stickers that correspond to various medical toys within the kit.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

The Doctor's Kit is a tool for pretend role play. It is a toy which stimulate children's imaginations, helps them answer questions, and lets them learn to care for themselves and others, and teaches compassion.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2ykqDcS](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08M5W5M5C)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Mor Marom, MS, CCC-Speech Language Pathologist

Mor is a bilingual speech-language pathologist, who provides in-home and center-based therapy for children with communication disorders in both English and Hebrew. She has experience working with children in the fields of autism, expressive and receptive language, bilingualism, early intervention, inclusion, and Augmentative and Alternative Communication.

DUPLO PUSH TRAIN BY LEGO

AGE RANGE: 2 years old and up | COST: \$28-\$40



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Little engine drivers will love pushing this train around the track, stopping to load up the crates of fresh apples and pumpkins as they go. There's also a level crossing and a car to operate, so you can talk to your child about traffic safety while creating role-play stories together. LEGO® DUPLO® toys are specially designed to be fun and safe for little hands.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

The Push Train can help increase a child's cognitive, social, and emotional development. Building the track and talking with other players to coordinate the opening and closing of crossing gates helps your child increase their motor skills, enhances communication, and encourages cooperative play.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2IGcAsf](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000060001)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Katie Krabbenschmidt, MA, CCC-SP, AT

Katie has been a Speech Pathologist for more than 30 years. As a mentor teacher with San Mateo County Office of Education, Katie consulted and trained other speech/language pathologists and special education teachers in the areas of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) and assistive technology (AT) and gave workshops in other areas of speech and language development. She earned the J. Russell Kent Award from the San Mateo County School Boards Association, the Recognition Award from the San Mateo County Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and was a nominee for the People Who Care Award.



GEARS! GEARS! GEARS! BY LEARNING RESOURCES

AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: \$15-\$45

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

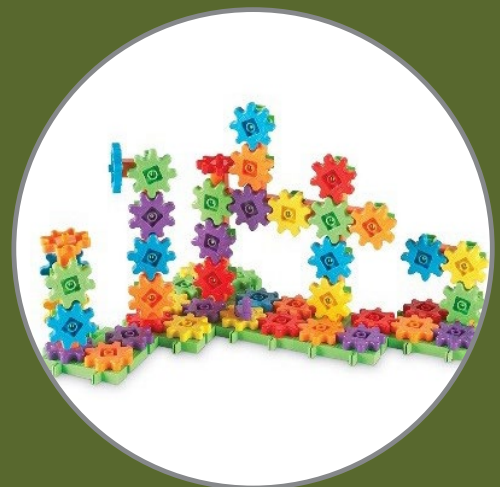
Different every time you build, this versatile, interconnecting gear set fosters imagination and provides opportunities to experiment with simple mechanics and science.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

This toy supports science, technology, engineering, and mathematical learning by introducing children to sorting, grouping, counting, designing, constructing, and putting physics into play with spinning gear movement. It also boosts fine motor and problem-solving skills. Learning gets more intricate as children's abilities advance.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2h2lxuw](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000060001)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Sarah White, Occupational Therapy Intern

Sarah is an Occupational Therapy intern at Gatepath. She works primarily with children 18 months to 12-years-old. She is passionate about the benefits of occupational therapy for children of all ages.

HIHO! CHERRY-O BY HASBRO

AGE RANGE: 3-6 years old | COST: \$10-\$15



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Preschoolers have so much fun picking fruit to fill their baskets, they don't even realize they're developing and practicing math skills such as counting, addition and subtraction!

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

This game improves children's math skills with counting and number practice. Players increase fine motor abilities and turn-taking by picking pretend fruits off their trees.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2z58r6T](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000061000)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Priscilla Ng, OTR/L, Occupational Therapist Sunnyvale

Priscilla earned a master's degree in Occupational Therapy and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Child and Adolescent Development with a minor in Atypical Child Studies, both, from San Jose State University. She has worked with children with physical impairments, cognitive impairments, sensory impairments, and feeding difficulties to increase their ability to successfully participate and be part of their home, school, and community settings.



HOPHOP TRAMPOLINE BY DIGGIN

AGE RANGE: 12 months old and up | COST: \$60

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The HopHop is a perfect indoor energy burner for toddlers. The HopHop Trampoline features a sewn padded cover for safe bouncing and a padded easy grip handle. The low height makes storage easy. It uses a new Stretch Tech system for added safety. This allows for easier assembly with no threading required. The webbing is reinforced and stitched to the bounce mat. The mat will be centrally aligned and bounce weight is equally distributed.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

Jumping helps build strength and improve balance and coordination. You will love seeing your child bounce off that unlimited energy and develop their large motor skills! This is a great way to get your toddler active.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2il4npg](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000061000)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Alanna Afrasiabi, Early Interventionist

Alana is an Early Interventionist who received two Bachelor of Arts degrees in Communication and Science Disorders and Spanish from California State University, Chico in 2016. Her passion for working with children began over 10 years ago when she started working as a nanny and a camp counselor. At Gatepath, Alanna works with children under the age of three to focus on areas such as speech and language development, motor development, self-help skills, play skills, and social skills.



IPAD MINI 2 BY APPLE

AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: \$150-\$300



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The Apple iPad Mini 2 is 7.9 inches, a great size for children to utilize online learning applications and computer programs while at home, in the car, or with friends. It gives a child access to a host of creative applications to challenge your child, draw, learn to read, practice typing, take photos, communicate and much more. Note: Our therapists highly recommend purchasing an Otterbox case or interactive child friendly iPad case to prevent damage from spills and drops.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

The iPad can be utilized to promote language learning, increase creativity, enhance communication, facilitate access to information for those with auditory or visual disabilities, and more. By allowing access to multiple methods of representation, interaction, and engagement outside the confines of normal classroom learning the iPad can accelerate learning for children with special needs while providing hand-eye coordination in the process of typing or playing on the interactive touch screen.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2zIPTt9](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B009LW0800)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Melanie Klimpke, MS, CCC-SLP

Melanie is a Speech-Language Pathologist who earned her bachelor's degree in Communicative Disorders from California State University, Northridge followed by her master's degree in Communication Disorders from Arizona State University, Tempe. Before transitioning to the clinic setting, Melanie worked in the schools as a Speech-Language Pathologist for 5 years with a myriad of students ranging in age from preschool age to high school.



MAGNETIC TILES BY IMDEN

AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: \$24-\$35

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Magnetic Tiles are magnetic pieces that can be combined into many patterns, such as dogs, planes and other constructions. They are compatible with other similar-size tiles, such as magformers and Picasso, etc. The tiles are easy to clean up since magnet sticks together, and they come with a bonus storage bag to help with safe storage to prevent tile loss.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

Magnetic Tiles offer children the opportunity to build two and three-dimensional shapes, allows the child to visualize three-dimensional creations, and expands their shape recognition. Building with the tiles increases fine motor skills while allowing a child to create with their imagination.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2gUn2XR](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B009LW0800)

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MARBLE RACE BY PARTSBOX IMAGINATION

AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: \$18-\$35



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Marble Race is a plastic learning education toy of various building blocks that connect in any number of combinations to create a fun series of marble slides. It will provide your child with countless hours of fun and entertainment while simultaneously honing their creativity.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

Marble Race exercises a child's brain-hand-eye coordination and spatial imagination because there is no fixed single way to assemble the toy. While playing children will also identify a variety of colors, improve their creative thinking abilities to make unique structures.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2ym6ALe](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07Y6M6ALE)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Lindsay Driemeyer, OT

Lindsay is an occupational therapist with seven years' experience working with children. She received her Masters of Arts in occupational therapy from the University of Southern California.



MR. POTATO HEAD BY PLAYSKOOL

AGE RANGE: 2 years old and up | COST: \$7-\$17

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Discover all the possibilities of the wonderful and wacky Mr. Potato Head toy! With a variety of different accessories included, kids can use their imaginations for lots of creative play when they mix and match the parts in all kinds of ways to create their own customized tater. Little hands will have so much fun making their favorite tater friend look silly by rearranging parts and creating mixed-up faces. Most parts are compatible with other Mr. Potato Head and Mrs. Potato Head toys.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

Mr. Potato Head is superb for teaching and building new body part vocabulary. Re-arranging the potato body and face helps children develop hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills while exploring their creativity. Interactive play with Mr. Potato Head and others can lead to expanded communication and turn taking.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2zXCUCIL](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07ZXCUCIL)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Maree Hay, OT

"It's an oldy, but a goody" proclaims Maree about Mr. Potato Head. She is an Occupational Therapist who has extensive experience working with children with fine motor and gross motor delays, visual motor and perceptual difficulties, sensory processing difficulties, autism spectrum disorders, and developmental delays.



MYTOWN STICKER PAD BY MELISSA & DOUG

AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: \$5-\$10



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Over 200 reusable stickers include characters, vehicles, and furniture to fill five reusable play scenes! Glossy reusable backgrounds feature a school, grocery store, restaurant, hospital, and fire house, all with inviting cross-section art to encourage imaginative play and storytelling. The cling-style stickers are easy to place, peel, and reposition, and the oversize background scenes and sticker pages tear out cleanly to arrange side by side, or to pass around and share with a group.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

The Sticker Pad is a great tool for improving fine motor skills, narrative thinking, communication skills, and creative expression. Conversations with your child about what happens in their town are an opportunity for pronoun practice and vocabulary expansion.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2zcJOEM](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000000000)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Lisa Bayless-Kapp, MS, CCC-SLP

Lisa is a pediatric speech-language pathologist and former preschool teacher. She holds a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology from CSU East Bay and Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Interdisciplinary Studies in Early Childhood from UC Berkeley.



PAL PRO THE LION BY BLUEBEE

AGE RANGE: Pre-K to 3 years old | COST: \$50-\$60

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Pal Pro the Lion is an educational talking plush toy. It connects to any Apple or Android Device with Bluetooth capabilities: smartphones, tablets, laptops, and desktop computers. All Bluebee Pal plush toys have an interactive mouth, which communicates while connected to all Music, Storybook, Educational and AAC Apps.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

The tactile, visual, and emotional elements Bluebee Pals brings to “app activities” enhance children’s attention and recall, making for vivid, memorable play and learning experiences. Bluebee Pal considered an Assistive Technology Communication device providing enhanced educational opportunities for all children.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2i3YdcZ](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000000000)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Sherrean Knops, MS, CCC-SLP

Sherrean is a Speech-Language Pathologist who received her Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology from California State University, East Bay and has an undergraduate degree in Child and Adolescent Development from San Francisco State University. Her passion for working with children and families started 9 years ago when she became a preschool teacher.



PLASMACAR

AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: \$55- \$60



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The PlasmaCar is an innovative, ride-on toy that harnesses the natural forces of inertia, centrifugal force, friction, and kid power. No batteries, gears, or pedals. Patented safety seat design places rider in a safe, comfortable position and minimizes tipping. Use indoors or out on a smooth, flat surface. Supports up to 220 lbs.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

Children can improve their hand-eye coordination and large moto-skills by riding and steering the car around indoors or outdoors. Additionally, the PlasmaCar increases independence by allowing children to explore their surroundings in a new way at new speeds. It is a wonderful tool for pretend play; just ask your child where they are going. They could be zooming to the moon or perhaps just down the hallway to the “grocery store”!

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2AKxIWx](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000050000)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Audrey Osburn, MOT, OTR/L

Audrey is licensed and registered Occupational Therapist who graduated from Xavier University with a bachelor’s degree in Liberal Arts and a master’s degree in Occupational Therapy. She has worked in a pediatric clinic, and school settings, with clients ranging in age from 1 to 20 years. At Gatepath, Audrey provides services to children in their clinic locations, as well as in a nearby school district. She loves that her experiences have allowed her to interact with so many different families, and help their children develop their independence and participation at home, school, and with their friends.



PLAYFOAM BY EDUCATIONAL INSIGHTS

AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: \$6-\$30

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

No-stick Playfoam is perfect for sculpting squishy, squashy creations anywhere and anytime without the mess or stickiness. Just squish up the Playfoam, shape it however you like, then squash it back down and start all over again! Playfoam never dries out, so the creativity never ends.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

Sculpting with Playfoam encourages creativity and self-expression and develops fine motor skills. It helps children express creativity and hone communication skills.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2gUa1xt](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000050000)

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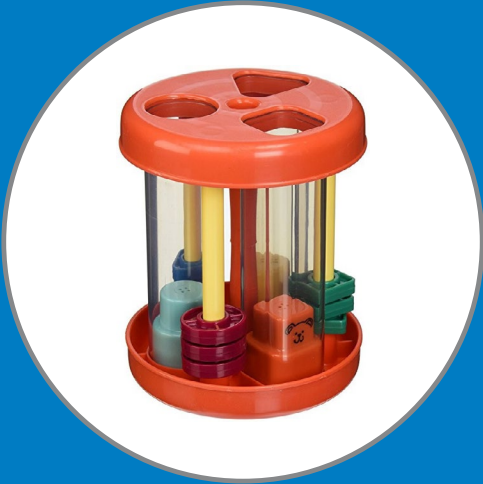
RECOMMENDED BY: Delmy Jaimes, Early Interventionist

Delmy holds a master’s degree in Clinical Psychology from El Salvador, which has given her a strong background in mental health. She provides individual early intervention sessions both in-home and in developmental groups at Gatepath’s Burlingame Children’s Services location, and conducts parent-training groups. Delmy also helps with translation to Spanish.



SOUND PUZZLE BOX BY BATTAT

AGE RANGE: 18 months old and up | COST: \$15



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The Sound Puzzle has been enjoyed by children for over 30 years. It's one of those super simple, but super perfect toys that engage children on many levels. Basically, it's a shape sorter with a "sound" twist. When the correct shape is placed in the tube, a sound is created. No batteries. Just the sound produced by the air going into the shape. This toy captivates even the most reluctant puzzle doer.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

Children can learn shapes in a fun and engaging way that also delights their ears when they sort shapes correctly into the appropriate corresponding tube. The Sound puzzle is a super tool for improving young children's finger dexterity, shape and color vocabulary, and sorting abilities.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2jt7peH](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000060000)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Kayla Price, Early Interventionist and Behavioral Therapist

Kayla received her Bachelor of Arts in Special Education at Immaculata University in 2014. She has five years of previous experience working with children and young adults with all types of developmental disabilities. As an Applied Behavioral Analysis therapist in New York and New Jersey, Kayla has worked in private homes, group homes, and school settings working directly with individuals of all ages and their parents. Kayla recently relocated to the west coast where she joined the Gatepath team in August of 2017. Her primary focus of interests in the field are: discrete trial training, the development of functional and adaptive behaviors to increase independence, and parent training.



SQUIGZ BY FAT BRAIN TOYS

AGE RANGE: 1.5 years old and up | COST: \$20-\$50

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

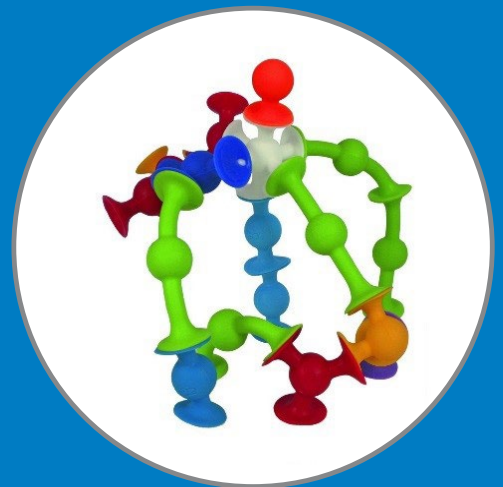
Squigz are fun little suckers used to build, bounce, and stick to almost any smooth or flat surface or to other Squigz! Apply pressure to two Squigz and air rushes out and the fun rushes in. Willingly, they assemble to become rockets, vehicles, a cushion for the cat, jewelry, or uniting as a ginormous octopus or squid.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

Once the Squigz take hold, it takes some effort to pull them apart. When Squigz POP in protest – kids are delighted and it improves their fine motor skills. Squigz are perfect for bath-time play, improving direction following, sorting, sequencing, and encouraging creativity.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2z4OfSp](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000060000)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Jenni Low, OT

Jenni is an Occupational Therapist who previously served at the Bridge School, where she worked with children with severe physical and communicative impairments. She has a Clinical Doctorate in Occupational Therapy from Pacific University, is registered in the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy and is licensed in California in Occupational Therapy. Jenni has a special interest in oral motor techniques and the impact it plays in self-feeding.



SUPER SORTING PIE BY LEARNING RESOURCE

AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: \$22-\$35



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The Super Sorting Pie is a fruity pie that teaches early number skills and attributes using color and fruit shapes. Place the sorting cards into the bottom of the pan to provide visual cues that support student success. Top crust becomes a bowl to conveniently hold counters. Jumbo tweezers reinforce fine motor skills.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

Children benefit from playing with the Super Sorting Pie because it helps improve their fine motor skills, sorting and counting skills, and encourages creative play.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2hrQJ3i](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08JQ3J31)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Catherine Buckman, MA OTR/L, Pediatric OT

Catherine is the lead for the Occupational and Physical therapy at Gatepath. She enjoys all areas of pediatric occupational therapy, however especially enjoys working in sensory integration.



TECNO BY QUERCETTI

AGE RANGE: 4 years old and up | COST: \$25

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Children love to play with their parents' tools, and in the Quercetti Tecno carry-case they find all the most common tools, realistic, perfectly functional and totally safe. They can attach the enclosed shapes to create great technical compositions, either flat or three-dimensional giving full expression to their fantasy and creativity.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

Children will discover all types of screws, nuts, bolts and washers that they need to match to the correct tools to be able to insert them in the threaded holes of the Tecno board. Through this type of play, kids will become familiar with basic mechanical skills and practice their manual dexterity.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2A6Eil8](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08JQ3J31)

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TEETER POPPER BY FAT BRAIN TOYS

AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: \$35-\$40



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

A unique instrument for play, how it's used is up to the kids! Whether they rock it, roll it, sit in it or stand kids want to move with Teeter Popper. Senses go for a ride every time they play. A cinch to maneuver.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

Kids find themselves teetering on the brink of perfect physical play. In playful exploration, Teeter Popper improves core strength, stability, leg strength, balance, coordination and gross-motor skills. Curiosity wakes up, senses come alive, imagination engages, and creativity gets moving!

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2A0NFWF](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000000000)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Ginny Phixaykoun, OT

Ginny is an Occupational Therapist who received her Master of Science in Occupational Therapy from McGill University in Canada. She has worked in pediatrics for about four years and has experience in both the clinic and school-based settings. Ginny has worked with children with a range of developmental disabilities including Autism Spectrum Disorder, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, learning disabilities, and global developmental delays. Ginny is the lead Occupational Therapist in the school setting, and works alongside many other specialties including speech-language pathologists, assistive technology specialists, physical therapists, behavioral therapists, and school psychologists.



TOY BALL BY OBALL CLASSIC™

AGE RANGE: 3 months old and up | COST: \$5-\$25

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The Oball Classic™ is the most perfect ball ever created! This award-winning flexible design allows babies of all ages to grip, catch, and throw a ball with ease. Soft construction and 32 large finger holes make it easy for little hands to grip and play.

Easy-care material wipes clean to help eliminate germs and dirt. With a choice of four bright color selections, you'll want to have a spare on hand for playtime anywhere.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

A great toy for children who are beginning to grasp toys. The Toy Ball is lightweight and easy to grasp, and it can help improve fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Additionally, interactive play with the Oball helps older children practice verbal and non-verbal communication and turn taking.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2hweE11](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000000000)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Nicole Longa, Early Childhood Special Educator

Nicole has a master's degree and Level II teaching credential from San Francisco State University in Early Childhood Special Education. She is the lead for the Early Childhood Special Educators and Early Interventionists for Gatepath's Children's Services department, and manages the Little Explorers program.



TOY VET PLAY SET BY B. CRITTER CLINIC

AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: \$35-80



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Foster a child's imagination with the Toy Vet Play Set. This cute portable pet hospital includes plush animal friends and features colorful room doors with matching keys. A convenient carrying handle makes transportation easy.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

This play set is a wonderful tool for expanding a child's vocabulary through creative pretend play. Kids can also develop fine motor skills and make predictions as they care for plush animal friends at their very own clinic!

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2A7HFZ1](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07H7FZ1)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Tammy Steinkoler, RPE/CF, Speech Language Pathologist

Tammy is a bilingual (Spanish) Speech-Language Pathologist at Gatepath. She is originally from Costa Rica and moved to the Bay Area two years ago. Previously, Tammy worked in private practice and in school settings with kids with special needs.



VIBRATING PILLOW BY SENSEEZ

AGE RANGE: 3 years old and up | COST: \$30-\$40

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

These colorful, lightweight, fun-shaped portable vibrating cushions offer a gentle sensation when they are squeezed that is relaxing, calming and soothing. They ease the senses. Kids that have trouble sitting for meals, stories, car rides, shopping trips, school work, movies, or anything else will be comforted by the vibrations. While they're great for kids at all energy levels, the sensory cushions make ideal cushions for children with special needs, including children with autism, ADHD, or sensory processing disorder.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

The Vibrating Pillow is calming for kids and can help train hypersensitive kids to tolerate more sensations. It can also help expand children's creativity through pretend interactive play.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2hBRMky](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07H7FZ1)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Leanora ("Nora") Banagan, Infant/Toddler Co-teacher

Nora has worked in the field as a Co-Teacher in the Infant Toddler program at Gatepath since 2012. She enjoys working with kids. It warms her heart to watch them grow in areas of speech, language development, motor development, self-help skills, play skills, and social skills.



ZOO ANIMAL SOUND PUZZLE BY MELISSA & DOUG

AGE RANGE: 2 years old and up | COST: \$10-\$12



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The Animal Sound Puzzle is a wooden peg puzzle of various animals found in a zoo. Each animal makes a different sound as its puzzle piece is placed correctly. The sturdy wooden puzzle board stands up to daily use.

DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS:

The Zoo Animal Sound Puzzle encourages children to match the animal puzzle pieces to the right spot to activate the corresponding animal sound. Children can improve matching and listening skills and manual dexterity while playing.

LINK TO PURCHASE: [Amzn.to/2zwXj0r](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000000000)

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RECOMMENDED BY: Kathy Ketchum, SLP and Early Childhood Special Educator

Kathy is a speech-language pathologist, who has been providing services for children with special needs for over 20 years. She has experience in delivering home based early intervention services and clinic based speech therapy; she also worked for Cabrillo Unified School District providing itinerant speech-language services as well as teaching a preschool Special Day class.

