

# Activity Ideas for School-Based Matches

1. Read together.
2. Draw or paint.
3. Play charades, checkers, chess, backgammon, or another board or card game.
4. Create your own game to play.
5. Research your family trees together on the Internet.
6. Attend your Little's school play or sporting event to cheer him/her on!
7. Watch the same TV show. Then talk about it over lunch.
8. Do a science project together using household products. (e.g. Find out what happens to an egg soaked in vinegar) Talk to your Little's teacher to see if there's a space to set it up.
9. Learn about local history and archaeology.
10. Help your Little with homework or a school project.
11. Write a letter to your Little on your match anniversary telling what you've noticed about him/her in the last year (e.g. positive changes, growth, maturity).
12. Make your own cards for holidays, birthdays, and other special occasions for friends and relatives.
13. Find a pen pal, and write to that person together.
14. Create a match scrapbook or photo album to record all your fun times together.
15. Make a log cabin, picture frame, or anything you can think of out of Popsicle sticks.
16. Complete a jigsaw puzzle.
17. Make up new lyrics to a song—maybe even about your match.
18. Make your own T-shirts with fabric markers and colored glue.
19. Enjoy cloud watching on a nice day.
20. Make friendship bracelets, or do other crafts together.
21. Play Frisbee, catch, basketball, volleyball, touch football, croquet, badminton, or any game you both like.
22. Write a newsletter together to send to your Little's friends and relatives.
23. Play games on the Internet or peruse your favorite age-appropriate sites together.
24. Make wrapping paper from old magazines and newspaper.
25. Call your Match Support Specialist together to give an update about the activities you have tried.
26. Invite your Match Support Specialist to have lunch with you.

27. Go on a camera scavenger hunt. Make a list of the things you want pictures of before you go, and let your Little take the pictures.
28. Go on sound scavenger hunt with an audio recorder.
29. Make a collage on friendship or your Little's life. You can use pictures and headlines from old magazines and newspapers.
30. Have your Little teach you something.
31. Listen to music together.
32. If your Little is a teenager, practice completing job and college applications.
33. Show your Little your high school yearbook, baby pictures, old report cards, etc.
34. Form a book club with other matches at your school.
35. Talk about this list! Make any desired changes to the list. Then, set a goal to complete everything on your list.
36. Teach them how to do something you are good at. Ex: crochet, painting technique, a specific sports play, etc.
37. Create/write a story together. Take turns adding on fun twists and turns.
38. Draw a picture (or choose one from a magazine or book) and write a story that you think the picture is about.
39. Make jewelry together.
40. Create something that can be given to other people as a special gift. Ex: Make a craft together and give one to each of her teachers, guardian, sibling, etc.
41. Make a scrapbook or photo album. Take pictures of each other together and once you have them all together, put them in an album, or create a scrapbook together. Work on it a little bit each day.
42. Play a game. Ex: Jenga, Uno, Tic-Tac-Toe, SkipBo, SlapJack, Memory Game, Chess, Checkers, Connect4, Yahtzee, Scrabble, Goldfish
43. Create your own Memory Game together by drawing/coloring pictures, shapes, or writing words on cards. Cut them out and make a deck where each card has a match.

