



2014 Gambaru Corporation  
**BUYERS GUIDE**

Recommended  
Toys | Games | Tools  
for Children

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## Toys for Children 2-4 Years of Age



### Magnetic Letters Set

Great for fine motor skills, Visual/Color Recognition, Letter and Number Sequencing



### Leap Frog "My Own Leap Top"

Beneficial for fine motor skills, animal trivia, the alphabet, teaches music and sound, as well as computer literacy.



### Sit and Spin

This toy promotes balance, core strength and coordination.



### Gator Grabber Tweezers

Resistance activities enhance intrinsic muscles and grasp/prehension for improved pencil grip, increased fine motor endurance and dexterity. Froggy Feeder Friends are good for color/number identification and lateral arch/pinch development.



### Lauri Stringing Peg and Pegboard Set

Pegboards combined with lacing and copying patterns/ shapes will simultaneously work on fine motor coordination and dexterity, grasp, pinch, eye hand coordination, visual motor skills (following pattern), color recognition and matching. Concentration and focus are also enhanced, as well as problem solving. Try having your child play this game on his or her belly to also work on shoulder stability.



### Melissa and Doug Basic Skills Board

This button board puzzle is fun way to work on fasteners and perceptual skills at the same time. You child can create the bear puzzle, and each piece also has a different fastener to practice (buttons, zippers, snaps, clips, buckles and lacing). This activity will also enhance strength, grasp and pinch while using small finger muscles to work on fasteners.



### EZ Tee Baseball

Helps your youngster develop gross motor skills, balance, coordination, motor planning and BUE usage/strength





### See and Spell

Works on letter recognition, fine motor manipulation, visual motor skills and color identification



### Gears! Gears! Gears!

Beginners Building Sets works on manipulation, visual motor skills, problem solving skills, color identification and creativity



### Magnetic Pattern Blocks Set

Works on visual motor skills, fine motor manipulation, and problem solving skills



### Wood Labyrinth

Works on bilateral coordination, fine motor skills, and visual-spatial skills



### Panic Pete

Good for increasing intrinsic muscle strength of the hands for grip strength.



### Beginner Pattern Blocks

Great for visual perceptual skills, visual-spatial skills, color identification, shape identification, fine motor manipulation



### Squigz

A great fine motor activity, manipulation, creativity, color identification, hand strengthening, grip strength, problem solving



### Kidoozie Super Skipper

Great for gross motor skills, coordination, and motor planning.



### GigaTent Action Dome and Teepee with Tunnel Play Tent Set

Give your kids a cool hideout with the GigaTent Action Dome Tunnel Play Tent. The Teepee Play Tent is bright and versatile so your children can use it for playing Wild West, or pretending to camp in your living room. Great to increase motor planning, provide heavy body work while they crawl through the tunnel, and imagination.



### Radio Flyer Ziggle RideOn

Kids can twist and wiggle to glide and giggle with the Ziggle Radio Flyer Ride-On. It has four caster wheels for a fun, fast ride, and the unique twisting motion gives kids 360-degree spinout action. Great toy that provides vestibular input, motor planning, coordination, sequencing, and core strengthening.



### **Little Virtuoso Rhythm Rockers First Band**

Develop your little one's musical skills with the Rhythm Rockers First Band Musical Instruments Toy while at the same time they develop their bilateral hand coordination, sequencing, rhythm, fine motor control and strength. These adorable kids' musical toys feature a drum with drumsticks, maracas, a tambourine, castanets and a bee keyboard with melodies and sound effects.



### **Little Tikes 2-in-1 Garden Cart and Wheelbarrow Play Set**

Your kids can grow their green thumb with the Little Tikes 2-in-1 Garden Cart and Wheelbarrow Play Set. This wheelbarrow garden cart helps your children to imagine being a gardener and set their lawn while improving their bilateral hand/arm coordination, providing heavy body work, motor planning, sequencing, and imagination!



## Toys for Children 5-7 Years of Age



### Step2 Naturally Playful Sand Table

Heighten your child's tactile experiences with this Step2 Naturally Playful Sand Table. This sand table with cover comes with five accessories that will have your children digging, scooping and sifting for hours for core strengthening, body awareness, weight shifting, and proprioceptive input.



### LeapFrog LeapBand in Green, Pink, or Blue

The first-ever activity tracker created just for kids encourages active play and healthy habits with 50 challenges, fun games and a pet pal. Activity tracker made for kids to earn energy points, then unlock rewards for being active! Even has 4 cool-down challenges!





### Spin Master Games Perplexus Epic Game

Children will discover a new action-packed adventure when they play the Spin Master Perplexus Epic Game. The goal is to make it through the labyrinth of 125 challenging barriers. Great for eye-hand coordination, fine motor control, attention, and focus.



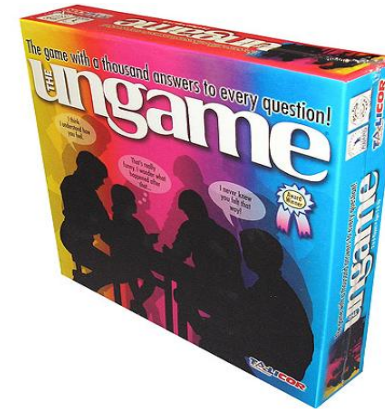
### Educational Insights Design and Drill Power Tool Workshop

Inspire imaginative play with this Educational Insights Design and Drill Power Tool Workshop. Kids can develop better fine motor skills with this item. Both the power screwdriver and drill have interchangeable bits, just like the real things. Little ones can drill right into the enclosed board. This design and drill activity center also comes with a screwdriver and wrench!



### Educa Finder Keepers Game

If you are passionate about treasure hunts, then the Educa Finders Keepers Game is the game for you. The first part of this kids' board game requires players to spot the hidden object on the board as quickly as possible. Pick three picture cards from the card keeper and look for the pictures on the board. The objects are well hidden and can only be spotted by those who look carefully. Promotes figure ground, visual spatial awareness, attention, and socialization.



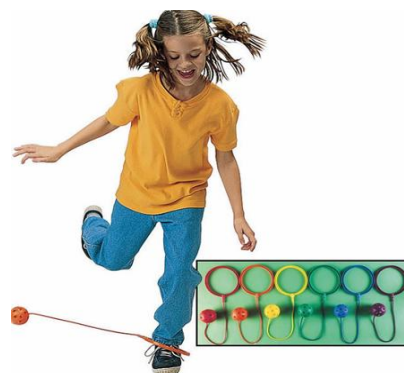
### The Ungame

Enjoy quality family times by playing Talicor's The Ungame for your next family game night. The board game is non-competitive so that everyone is a winner. The family board game has thousands of answers to every question and is a great ice-breaker to get everyone talking. Exchange thoughts, feelings and ideas among all the players. Promotes family time!



### Group Tie-Dye Kit for 36 shirts

Tie-Dye Shirt Kit is a fun craft activity for kids to work on with their parents or for a school art project. It works on clothing, such as shirts and socks, and even wall hangings for bedroom decoration. Facilitates creativity, fine motor, sequencing, and hand strengthening.



### Spectrum Lemon Twist

Fun alternative to jumping rope, promotes cardiovascular fitness and agility, works on left right as well as upper and lower body coordination, and motor planning.



### Hover Ball Floating Soccer Ball

Safe for indoor usage, good for balance/coordination, motor planning, and gross motor skills.



## Kinetic Sand

Sand box and molds- Purple: Great for fine motor skills and tactile input



## Super Cra-Z-Loom

Great for fine motor and dexterity.



## Simon Swipe Game

Good for motor planning, problem solving, and socialization skills.



## Toys for Children 8+



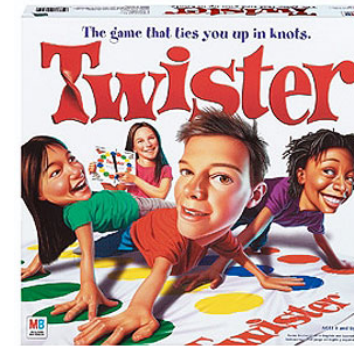
### HedBanz game

Good for deductive reasoning skills, problem solving and socialization skills.



### Star Wars Lego Set

Great for fine motor/dexterity, problem solving and sequencing skills.



### Twister

This game is good for left/right discrimination, motor planning, body scheme awareness, balance/coordination, upper and lower body strengthening



### Rush Hour

Addresses executive functioning and planning skills, as well as perceptual awareness. Children have to slide blocks around to open paths on a grid, which also challenges sequential thinking and motor planning.



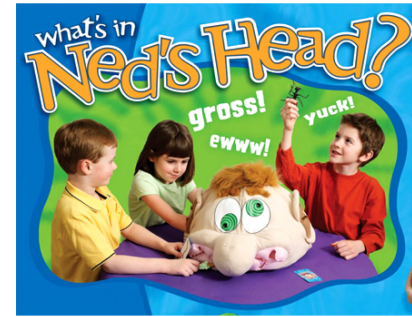
### Hex Hive

Addresses executive functioning, planning and perceptual awareness. Sequential thinking and mental flexibility are also key components in this game. Small pieces that need to be placed with accuracy enhance fine motor control and dexterity.



### 3D Feel and Find

Children are given a puzzle outline tile and need to reach into the bag to Feel & Find the corresponding wooden shape. This is a great visual and tactile exercise that targets proprioception and stereognosis, as well as object naming. Can be played in a group for peer cooperative skill sand socialization.



### What's in Ned's Head?

This game works on stereognosis and proprioception (understanding and identifying objects with hands instead of eyes) as well as decreasing tactile hypersensitivity. Children also learn flexible thinking, turn taking, and cooperation.



### Apples to Apples Junior

This is great for learning cause and effect, problem solving, socialization and cognitive/language skills.



### NERF rebelle star shot targeting set

Great for fine motor, dynamic standing balance, coordination and body scheme awareness. Hasbro's LIFE helps improve your child's social skills, problem solving, sequencing, and cause/effect.



### Huffy Green Machine 20" Tri-wheel Slider

Good for hand/eye coordination, motor planning, problem solving and upper/lower body strengthening.



### Razor Ripstik Ripster Brights

Multiple advantages; good for coordination, balance, motor planning, upper/lower body and core strengthening for improved postural stability.



### Scrabble

Great for socialization, problem solving, literacy skills and spelling.

## Recommended Apps for iPhone & iPad



**Dexteria**- This app is good for fine motor skills essential for pre-handwriting. Promotes pincer grasp, utilization of the thumb and index finger as well as numerical/letter formation.



**Writing Wizard**- fine motor, letter and number recognition and formation.



**Mr. Potato Head**- Body scheme awareness, body part recognition and vocabulary, fine motor skills.



**Thomas Match**- Matching game, good for problem solving, memory, visual/spatial skills, number recognition.



**Coloring +** - Coloring app, good for fine motor, memory skills, colors vocabulary.



**My Play Home**- Open ended “dollhouse” app, good for household vocabulary development.





**StoryMaker Free**- Children can create their own storybook by creating pages with illustrations and text. They can draw their own pictures or choose images from various categories. This app is great for learning vocabulary and story grammar (learning concepts of main characters, plot, main idea, conclusion, etc.), as well as fostering creativity.



**Bag Game**- 20 questions style game, can be used to work on vocabulary skills, using and answering –wh questions, deductive reasoning.



**Reading Rainbow**- Comes with 5 free stories and then in app purchases. Interactive storybooks with audio.



**Toca Monsters and Toca Tea Party**- You can use these apps to have your child follow directions and work on pretend play



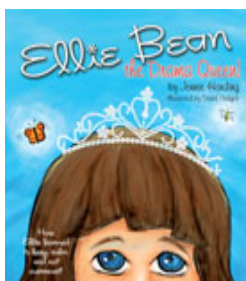
**Sensory Treat**- Great app for parents! To help your children develop a sensory diet and find strategies to help them self regulate.

## Recommended Books



Danceland by Aubrey Lande, Kristen Fitz Taylor, Cheryl McDonald, Lois Hickman, and Bob Wiz.

Activities with music engage children in rhythmic expression and sensory motor activities. This is an audio cassette & booklet.



Ellie Bean the Drama Queen: A Children's Book about Sensory Processing Disorder by Jennie Harding

Ellie Bean the Drama Queen is an insightful picture book that helps children with sensory issues, and the adults around them, understand what they are going through. Sometimes Ellie Bean seems like she is being difficult, when she really has a sensory issue that can be overcome quite easily!



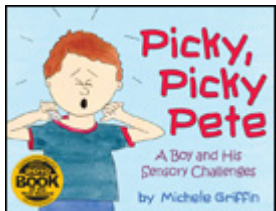
This is Gabriel Making Sense of School: A Book About Sensory Processing Disorder Paperback by Hartley Steiner.

Delightful, colorful, and full with the information a child needs to know about Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD). Each page starts off with the simple introduction of one of our eight senses and what it does for you. Then Gabriel tells us how that sense is for him. On the last pages of the book, Important Information for Parents, Educators, and Therapists, The author asks for those who work with children who have SPD to help them cope and she lists simple things you can do for the children in your care.



Sensitive Sam: Sam's Sensory  
Adventure Has a Happy Ending!  
by Marla Roth-Fisch

The story of Sam, whose over-sensitivity creates chaos and frustration in his life. Sam's various sensory sensitivities adversely affect Sam's experiences, both at home and in the classroom. He walks readers through his typical day of sensory blunders (which many kids and families may find all too familiar!).



Picky, Picky Pete by Michele  
Griffin

The author is an occupational therapist. This picture book is a must-have for any child with sensory processing disorder. Pete finds his clothes uncomfortable and can't stand "paint, soap, and things with lumps." He explains this to his mother and the reader in this fun children's book, as he and mom navigate a difficult, but typical, morning in the life of a young boy with sensory issues.



28 Instant Songames: Fun Filled  
Activities for Kids 3-8 Audio CD –  
Audiobook, CD by **Barbara Sher**

I am certain that all young children, their parents, educators, and therapists will often want to include these engaging, musical games in their daily routines.