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As the summer days draw to a close, you probably have exhausted places to take your preschool kids. Parents have identified the following fun activities to pursue with your children this fall:

**Inclusive Parks:** Several parks have created Magical Bridge Playground areas that are inclusive for children with varying developmental needs. These areas typically include ramps with climbing structures, swings, and slides. Magical Bridge Playgrounds provide a lifetime of kindness and compassion through truly inclusive play. Details can be found at [magicalbridge.org](http://magicalbridge.org).

**Water Activities:** Many parks now provide a water play area with water tables and water channels to promote exploration when playing with water and “cooking” with sludge. Children can learn the basic science

concepts of sink and float, and observe the velocity of objects floating through the channels. As an added bonus, children must learn how to take turns with the various activities. Typically, children, who bring their own toys, must share as they watch their toys gush through the channels of water.

**Animal Observations:** Preschoolers love animals.

Taking your children to zoos and parks that promote proper animal care teaches our children how to care for pets and the environment in a sensitive and humane manner. Sanctuaries and rescue centers help children understand how humans can nurture sick animals to health and return them to their natural environment.

**Gyms:** Many communities have indoor activity centers and gyms for children in a controlled environment that may include ball cages, giant slides, climbing structures, tube mazes, and trampolines. Children learn how to play with others and take turns when sharing ball play or running through the tube mazes. These activity centers can be located through an internet search and may be found in local science museums, discovery parks, and gyms.

**Drop-in Preschools:** Drop-in preschools for families often include small group music and art activities, an indoor gym, situational play activities, building materials, areas for reading and building puzzles, and a lunchroom. Parents and children from many different ages and backgrounds meet and share their customs. These experiences can prepare your children for a future, full-time preschool program. The drop-in preschools also serve as a cultural learning center for families who are temporarily living in

America or visiting a community for a short amount of time.

Enjoy these beautiful fall days as you transition into the new school year with your preschooler!

Warm regards,

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