

DIFFERENT ROADS TO LEARNING'S 2014 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

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Everything in our 2014 Holiday Gift Guide serves the dual purpose of being a fantastic toy, as well as a versatile teaching tool. These toys make ideal gifts that are both exciting to unwrap and play with, but can still be used to teach important developmental skills. At Different Roads, teaching through play is one of our main focuses. The toys and games in this Holiday Gift Guide are grouped according to kids' specific interests so that you can find just the right present for your child this holiday season! And be sure to use our promo code **GIFT14** to get **15% OFF** any or all of these toys and games!



From our Different Roads family to yours, we wish you all the joy and happiness of the season.



FOR THE KID WHO LOVES LETTERS & NUMBERS



Grandma's Trunk Alphabet Game

Grandma's Trunk Alphabet Game is an adorable set that actually contains 5 games in 1, which makes it much easier to play in a way that is motivating for your learner. From riddles to memory and sequencing to story-telling, this game is a fantastic choice for the whole family to play.

DRC 910 • ~~\$15.95~~ \$13.56

All Around Town

This is one of the first games I ever bought, and it's been a big hit with most of my learners. It's great for working on counting and categories, and kids love it because they get to shop all around town!

DRG 569 • ~~\$19.95~~ \$16.96



Buggy Balance Measurement Activity Set

Buggy Balance Measurement Activity Set is one of my favorite new products of 2014. It's ideal for free play and exploration, but also a motivating way to teach learners about comparing height, length, and weight as well as working on skills related to counting and categorizing.

DRG 318 • ~~\$24.95~~ \$21.21



FOR THE KID WHO IS MAD ABOUT MATCHING

Animal Train Sort & Match

This is an excellent choice for the learner who excels at matching. It includes several pattern cards and over 40 animals and train parts for completing the patterns. All Aboard!

DRG 855 • ~~\$45.00~~ \$38.25



Rainbow Sorting Crayons

This set comes with 8 jumbo sorting crayons (each one is 9 inches tall!) and 48 items that can be sorted by color. The materials are high quality and the crayons are easy to manipulate for young learners who struggle with fine motor tasks.

DRG 011 • ~~\$49.95~~ \$42.46

Raccoon Rumpus

This simple matching game provides a whole new take on playing dress up. And while your learner is having a blast dressing up the raccoons, they're also practicing their colors and labeling different types of clothing, developing their matching and memory skills!

DRG 241 • ~~\$14.95~~ \$12.71



3D Feel & Find

This game offers a different spin on matching. Each player receives a wooden tile, then must find the corresponding shape inside the cloth bag using just their sense of touch. This is a fun and unique way to play, while also working on skills relating to colors, matching, and communication.

DRG 788 • ~~\$30.00~~ \$25.50

FOR THE KID WHO IS IN CONSTANT MOTION

The Cat in the Hat I Can Do That! Game

This is another silly game that gets kids moving. Each turn, a player turns over three cards to create a new challenge, such as jumping up and down with the cake on your elbow, or sliding under the Trick-a-ma-stick with the toy boat on your head. The game is entertaining for the whole family and is never the same twice.

DRG 454 • ~~\$19.95~~ \$16.96



Parachute Play

A parachute is one of my go-to toys for young learners. Not only can you swing preschoolers in the parachute, but many kids love to lie down on the floor and have you float the parachute down onto them. There are also many games you can play with it, including those described in my [Modified Instructions](#).

DRG 350 • ~~\$18.95~~ \$16.11



Wiggle & Giggle

This game will appeal to the silly side of your learner while providing lots of practice with motor skills and balance. It includes three variations for play, and is a great option for gifts for siblings or peer groups.

DRG 877 • ~~\$24.95~~ \$21.21



Sandwich Stacking Game

This is one of my all-time favorite games. It's certain to get your kid giggling, and with ten different games to choose from there are lots of opportunities to get the whole family moving. This is a great, active game to play and work off some calories after that big holiday dinner. It's fun for the whole family.

DRG 982 • ~~\$24.95~~ \$21.21



FOR THE KID WHO IS BONKERS ABOUT BUILDING

WEDGiTS Starter Set: 15 Pieces

WEDGiTS is a unique, multidimensional building set with pieces that can be nested, stacked, and wedged together to create a wide range of structures. It's great for kids from 1 to 92!

DRG 850 • ~~\$23.99~~ \$20.39



Giant Road Jigsaw Puzzle

The Giant Road Jigsaw Puzzle allows your learner to immediately begin using it for imaginative play upon completion. Race cars, drive to different destinations, or add blocks to build an entire town!

DRG 225 • ~~\$21.95~~ \$18.66



Unit Blocks

Unit Blocks are a staple in many classrooms and homes. This set is fantastic for building, but also for supporting development of imaginative play skills. And don't forget to take a look at the wonderful [unit blocks post](#) by Stacy Asay, LMSW about utilizing the blocks for further skill development!

DRG 511 • ~~\$64.95~~ \$55.21

FOR THE KID WHO MOVES AND GROOVES



The Rhythm Tree DVD & Music Package

The Rhythm Tree DVD & Music Package comes with instruments and a book filled with songs, skills you can practice while having fun making music, and more! It's great if you're seeking ways to interact with your music-loving child.

DRK 004 • ~~\$59.95~~ \$50.96

Magic Moves Electronic Wand

This magic microphone combines music and verbal directions to motivate young learners to perform all sorts of actions, such as swooping like an eagle or stomping like a dinosaur. This is another toy that's also fantastic for playing with siblings and peers.

DRG 909 • ~~\$21.95~~ \$18.66



FOR THE KID WHO ITCHES FOR THE IPAD



Tiggly Shapes

Tiggly Shapes contains four 3D shapes that can be used in conjunction with the iPad. Tiggly has created several free apps that utilize the shapes and help learners practice skills such as shape identification, storytelling, and more independently or with peers. A great way to keep the iPad extremely educational.

DRM 042 • ~~\$29.95~~ \$25.46

Tiggly Counts

This is my absolute favorite education technology product. It includes 5 counting toys that allow for lots of practice of 1:1 correspondence and number sense through interaction with three free apps. Each app is well designed and appeals to the silly side of kids.

DRM 036 • ~~\$29.95~~ \$25.46

