

Printers For Parents

Tips To Keep Kids Busy On Rainy Days

(NAPSA)—It's raining, the kids are restless, and they have already seen every video imaginable. For parents looking for new and fun ideas to keep children busy on those rainy days when everyone is stuck inside, think technology—think printer creativity!

One sure way to keep children entertained while staying within a budget is to add an affordable color inkjet printer to your personal computer, which is sure to inspire kids' creativity for hours at a time. From encouraging their artistic abilities to practicing their writing skills, the possibilities for designing and printing creations they will be proud to display are endless.

Here are a few of the ways kids can use a printer as an extension of their imagination:

- *Throw an impromptu party*—Turn an ordinary rainy day into a party! Kids can design the invitations, create place cards and fancy place mats, and print out the menu for all those who attend. What fun!

- *Create a Photo Collage*—Let kids be creative and spruce up their photos with their own personal touch by creating a photo collage. Work with them to create and print decorative borders and frame designs to jazz up any family vacation or holiday celebration, making every picture worth a thousand words. You can even make your own bulletin board to hang your pictures on using an inkjet.

- *Design T-shirts*—For the kid with personal fashion flair, what better way to express it than designing and printing a one-of-a-kind T-shirt? A Lexmark inkjet can help kids create their own T-shirt transfers right at home. Makes for great savings for moms and dads too!

- *Puzzles and Other Games*—Your kids will enjoy printing out their favorite images and then



turning the printouts into puzzles—two activities in one! Perhaps they would prefer to design their own checkerboard and checkers. Kids simply print them out, cut out the checkers, and presto, a game of their own creation!

- *Gifts for Nature*—The kids will have fun creating birdhouses with help from an inkjet printer. When the sun comes out again, hang it in a tree in the yard for the neighborhood birds to enjoy. Also, the kids will have fun creating cool fishbowl paper to line the outside of their fishbowls with—creates a unique effect through the water.

If you don't already own a color inkjet printer, consider the following tips when shopping. For creative home projects, you may want to consider an All-In-One product, like the Lexmark X83, that allows you to print, copy and scan. These All-In-One products are great for quick copying and easy scanning of photos or other mementos. In addition, make sure to get a high-resolution printer featuring at least 2400 x 1200 dpi to produce photo-quality prints. An advanced paper handling system like Lexmark's patented Accu-Feed system accommodates heavy stock or specialty photo paper. Finally, ease-of-use features, such as one-click driver installation, will guarantee setting up your new inkjet is stress-free. Lexmark offers a range of consumer inkjets from \$49—\$199. For more information on printing tips, visit Lexmark International at www.lexmark.com.