***Activity Ideas for Travel***

* **Spend some time getting new things for your child’s backpack that they have not seen before. Pack small bags with some favorite snacks.**
* **Small trays such as a lid from a box can help contain play items and may fit nicely down the side of a backpack**

**1. Fill diaper wipe containers with a variety of play items such as a small coin purse with legos, magnets in a small tin, finger puppets, and different types of containers with snacks, toys, etc.**

**2. Treasure Hunt – Old purses and bags with a variety of fasteners (Velcro, snaps, zippers, etc.) will help with fine motor skills. Include favorite snacks, small books, magna doodles, crayons, paper, stickers, etc. available in their backpacks. The more compartments – the more fun your child will have “looking for treasures”. Keep a bag of “treasures” in your own backpack to switch out if they get bored.**

**3. Put a few clothespins or small tongs in the containers, to pick up items like cotton balls or pom poms and small toys, etc. “Paint” some small clothespins with sharpie markers (different colors) and match the clothespins to a card (or other item) of the same color. This is great for hand strengthening, sequencing and pre-writing/cutting skills.**

**4. Try making an edible necklace by stringing different cereals on a clean shoelace or string.**

**5. Get a deck of “Go Fish” cards and tape some of the matching pairs on a small tray then find the matching card and stick it on the ‘sticky dot’.**

**6. Get small flashlights and hide under the airline blanket – maybe get ‘glow in the dark stickers to put on arms and legs.**

**7. Blowing ‘quiet’ toys such as pinwheels and cotton balls.**

***Have a wonderful time- thinking of your own ideas!! Relax, and enjoy this special time together!***

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