#### Hi, Big Kids

#### Staying Active During A Pandemic

Cabin fever? What is cabin fever? This fall, you have plenty of fun and safe activities to enjoy with your family. We've compiled our picks—send us pictures of your favorite adventures and you might just win \$25 towards your account. Ask your parents' permission first and send us an email to <u>feedback@dncu.org</u>

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1. Go on a trek—the beauty of the Sangre de Cristo wilderness is a perfect local escape. Have you heard of Aspen Vista trail? It's a must-do! Want to take a drive? Visit *El Malpais National Monument* in the southern part of the state to meet the New Mexico badlands where an ancient volcano left his mark for us to discover!

2. Pick a pumpkin at *McCall's Pumpkin Patch*. We heard they are doing a **COVID – Safe Experience** that will be a fun time for you and your family this autumn!

3. Have you visited *Los Luceros Historic Site*? Learn about the history and meet some of our furry friends at the 148-acre ranch near Alcalde, New Mexico.

4. Or visit a 700 year old village at *Jemez Historic Site* where NM residents are admitted free of charge on the first Sunday of each month!

Want more of these awesome recommendations? Download the *Cultural Atlas* of *New Mexico App*, available in the *Apple App Store* and *Google Play*.

#### With Love,

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#### **Parent's Corner**

#### Hello Parents,

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Baxter is here to help teach your young ones the importance of savings while spending more time at home. Illustrate the concept of budgeting by using three clear jars that represent current expenses, short-term savings, and long-term savings. Separating cash into jars makes it easy to compare the results of spending and saving. But don't wait too long to open a savings account for their short-term savings and an investment account. To learn more about *DNCU Kids Accounts*, visit us at dncu.org

TIP: If you want to encourage charitable giving, you can use a fourth jar, set a fixed percentage of the total, such as 10%, and encourage putting money in that jar as well.

Baxter knows that times are tough right now but we can always prepare our kids for the future by using fun and interactive ways of learning. Stay strong—you're all doing a **GREAT** job adjusting to our new (temporary) normal.

#### Sincerely,

### Baxter Bear 🗳

Supplies:

Mason Jars / Mod Podge / Brown Construction Paper / Paint Brush / Candle / Fall Colored Tissue Paper Ripped Into Pieces

Step One: Paint one side of the mason jar at a time with Mod Podge.

Step Two: Add the pieces of tissue paper (we

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recommend a wet paper towel to wipe sticky little hands). Step Three: Use scraps of brown construction paper to

make a tree and attach it the same way as the tissue paper.

Step Four: Go over all the loose ends of tissue paper that were sticking up and put a top coat of Mod Podge over it all.

Step Five: Place your candle inside (and with a parent) turn them on for a beautiful burst of fall colors.





## **\$25 Photo Contest**

# BAXTER'S BIG KIDS

Send Baxter a picture of your fall activities and you might just **WIN \$25** towards your *DNCU Kids Account*! Ask your parents before emailing us at baxter@dncu.org Include your first name, age and description of image!









## **Baxter's Book Corner**

## **Contest Winner**

Check out the **WINNERS** from our

Felix / Age 7 Rylen / Age 7 Brandon / Age 8 Uriah / Age 2.5

a. Wild Symphony by Dan Brown (Ages 6-8) by Susan Batori (Illustrator) Described as "a musical menagerie of bouncing kangaroos, clumsy kittens and an anxious ostrich!" Plus, the author will be donating all US royalties to support music education for children worldwide!



**b. Before the Ever After** (Ages 9-12) *by Jacqueline Woodson* Follow ZJ, the son of a famous and beloved pro football star as he navigates changes in his father as a result of head injuries sustained during his playing years.



## BAXTER'S BIZARRE FACT

When leaves change color in the fall, they are actually becoming their true color.



