Step Away FROM THE SCREEN!

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Indoor alternatives to screen time:

• Dance to your favorite music; let the kids DJ!
• Set up an indoor obstacle course.
• Keep a balloon or beach ball aloft as long as you can.
• Do a family art project.
• Make a fort out of furniture and blankets.
• Make up and act out a skit.

Outdoor alternatives to screen time:

• Organize a neighborhood scavenger hunt.
• Take a walk with your family.
• Ride your bike to the nearest playground.
• Play catch with friends and/or family.
• See how many jumping jacks, somersaults, and/or cartwheels you can do.

Suggested rules to live by:

• 2 hours or less per day* of total screen time (includes TV, non-school related computer time, and video games).
• No TV during meal times.
• No TV during homework.
• No television sets in any bedrooms.
• No eating while watching TV.
• No surfing—watch favorite shows only.
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