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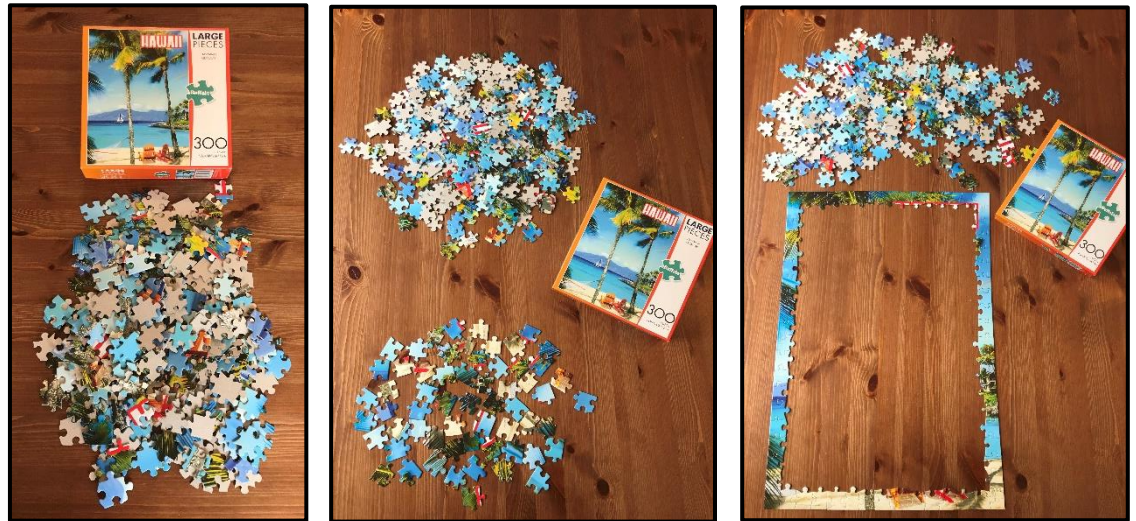
Sometimes an afternoon adventure becomes a quiet and focused adventure! We love jigsaw puzzles at our house, and they are a great way to practice sorting, spatial reasoning, strategy, focus, and concentration skills. We usually pull out the "lots of pieces" puzzles (our favorite puzzles have 500 pieces), but today we started with a 300-piece puzzle with a picture of the beach. We were supposed to head to the beach in California for Spring Break but had to cancel those plans; we needed some cheering up. Choosing this puzzle today turned out to be a good plan . . . it was hailing outside! We enjoyed the sunshine on our puzzle instead. And . . . we have a 500-piece puzzle waiting to be done next!

Here are some photos:



Above: Did it hail at your house? The pieces were the size of pennies here!

How do you put a jigsaw puzzle together? Here's how we tackle this project . . .



Top Row

The 300-piece puzzle, sorting the pieces by straight edge or no straight edge, creating the frame.

Bottom Row

Finding colorful pieces that go together to get started, working from the bottom up, the finished product!

