Core Skills Analysis

Math

- The student can learn about measurements by observing the height and speed of the rides and comparing them.
- They can practice addition and subtraction by calculating the number of people getting on and off the rides.
- Understanding geometry concepts like symmetry and angles can be enhanced by observing the shapes of the rides.
- The concept of time can be reinforced by observing the duration of each ride and calculating waiting times.

Tips

To further develop mathematical skills through watching theme park rides, encourage the student to create their own themed park layout with measurements and calculations. They can design new rides, calculate the speed by changing the dimensions, and even create a budget for their park to incorporate financial literacy.

Book Recommendations

- <u>Roller Coaster</u> by Marla Frazee: A humorous tale of a girl's first trip to a theme park and her roller coaster ride.
- <u>How to Build a Theme Park</u> by Scott Forbes: A step-by-step guide on designing and building a theme park, engaging for young readers.
- <u>Amusement Park Science</u> by Allan Morey: Explores the science behind amusement park rides and the physics principles involved, in a fun and educational way.