



Playing with Shape, Size and More

Letter Knowledge

Knowing the same letter can look different, that letters have names and are related to sounds

What You Do, What You Might See

You and Your Baby:

- I encourage my baby to play with different kinds of toys. I talk with my baby about the toys, like the shape of the rattle and the colors of the soft blocks.
- I choose books that have sharp contrast, like black on white or books with colorful and clear photographs which are easier for my baby to see.
- I describe what my baby is looking at, the color, shape and texture so that later my baby will learn to notice these characteristics.
- I visit the library with my baby and check out books to share with my baby.



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What You Do/ What You Might See

You and Your Toddler

- When I play with my toddler, I talk with my toddler about the toys, like the shapes and colors of the blocks, balls, cars, dolls.
- I describe what my toddler is interested in, color, shape, texture, and how the items they are playing with are alike and different.
- I choose books that have sharp contrast, clear pictures and bright colors. I take time to describe what is in the pictures and encourage my toddler to talk about them too.
- I play with puzzles with my toddler, encouraging my toddler to turn the pieces until they fit.
- At the grocery store, I talk with my toddler about the similarities and difference in different foods, for example apples of different colors, similarities and differences in cereals.
- I use daily opportunities, like matching socks when folding the laundry or piling dishes from the dishwasher, to have my toddler help me match things.
- I look at alphabet books with my toddler, mentioning the names of the letters and talking about the pictures.
- When writing my toddler's name, I make sure to use both uppercase and lowercase letters.
- I take time to play sorting games with my toddler, like sorting cars or doll clothes.
- I encourage my toddler to scribble and talk about what it says.
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