Families READ | Games to Go

Around the HOUSE

Games to practice the core reading skills at home.

Phonics

Make labels. Give your child slips of paper and let them make labels for the contents of drawers and cupboards. Make labels for things in their room.

Cut and glue match.

- From advertisements, cut, glue and label items needed at the store
- Make wish lists
- Things that start with the first letter of their name, dad's name, etc

Read the list. Make a list of things found in the bathroom. Child reads the word and points to it. Reverse roles. Child writes, you point.

Calm and connect.

- Create a "thankful jar" and write what you're grateful for. Add to it periodically.
- Make cards for loved ones. Address envelopes and mail them.

Vocabulary

Sort! Lay various items out before the child. Think of ways to sort them.

- Big/little, minuscule/enormous
- Color (ebony, chartreuse, raw sienna, etc)
- Shiny/not shiny, opaque/transparent
- Sink/float
- Heavy/light
- Shapes (basic or geometrical)
- Smooth/rough (It's even more fun to have them go gather the items (find three things that are rough and three that are smooth)

Fluency

Calm and connect.

- Stack a bunch of new library books on the floor. Pile pillows and blankets on the floor and have a pajama/reading party. Adults participate too. Take turns reading aloud.
- Read together using a flashlight.
- Read together in a blanket fort.

Vocabulary | Comprehension

Build an obstacle course. Using your home language, discuss what makes it difficult or challenging. The adult uses words that stretch the child's vocabulary (hefty, tangled, grueling, slippery, add to this list!).

Calm and connect.

- Build a puzzle together while asking each other fun questions
- Rearrange a room and discuss possibilities and functionality
- Look through your child's baby photos. Discuss milestones, special toys and their purpose, people in photos and their relationship, traditions and more.
- Create a family time capsule - what should you put in it and why? Discuss symbols.

Phonics | Phonemic Awareness | Vocabulary

Scavenger hunt.

- Find something that can hold water
- Starts with the letter s
- Something that is a solid
- Something with 2 syllables
- Something slippery



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