

Helpful Learning Activities for Children 36-48 Months Old

Focus on: *Social-Emotional Development*

Fill-in-the-Blanks at Storytime.

When reading or telling a familiar story for bedtime, stop and leave out a word. Wait for your child to "fill in the blank."

Make an "About Me" Book.

Save family pictures, leaves, magazine pictures of a favorite food, and drawings your child makes. Put them in a photo album, or glue onto sheets of paper and staple together to make a book.



Sharing Skills.

Encourage your child's "sharing skills" by making a play corner in your home. Include only two children to start (a brother, sister, or friend) and have a few of the same type of toys available so that the children don't have to share all of the time. Puppets or blocks are good because they encourage playing together. If needed, use an egg or oven timer with a bell to allow the children equal time with the toys.

Simon Says: Naming Body Parts.

During bath time, play Simon Says to teach your child names of body parts. First, you can be "Simon" and help your child wash the part of his body that "Simon says." Let your child have a turn to be "Simon," too. Be sure to name each body part as it is washed and give your child a chance to wash himself.