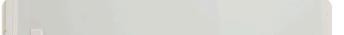
<u>3 Easy Play-Based Activities</u> <u>for Ages 2-6</u>

Sensory Color/Shape Sorting Obstacle Course Storytime/Pretend Play







Sensory Color/Shape Sorting

Skills:

Fine motor, cognitive development & early math

What you need:

A muffin tin, bowls, egg carton, or cups Paper, marker, or color of the bowl/cup to show where each object should go 3-5 small objects of each color Utensil or tongs to increase difficulty

What to do:

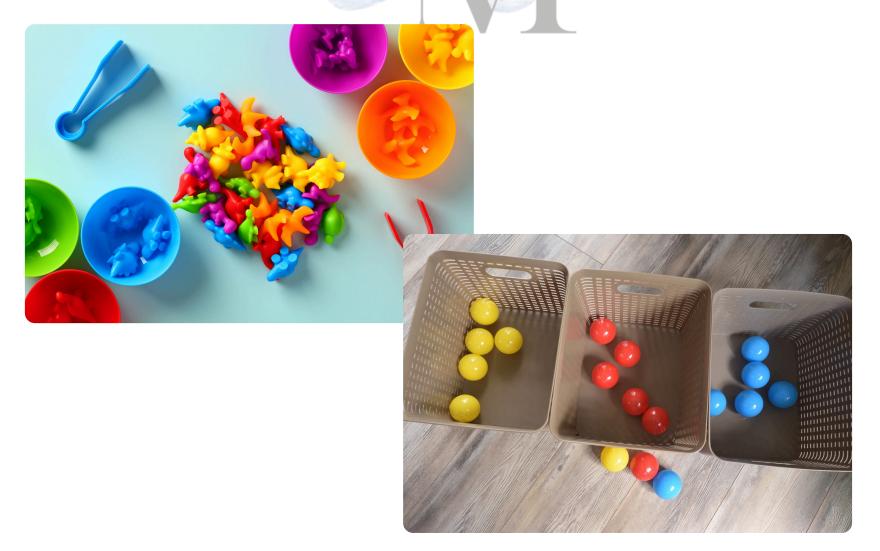
Sort small objects into a muffin tin or container by color or shape

Meet your child's needs:

Model/ participate in activity Increasing or decreasing object size Use tongs for extra coordination practice Change quantity based on skill level and attention

Why?

Encourages problem-solving while building early categorization skills in a hands-on way.



Obstacle Course

Skill:

Gross motor, adaptive (following directions), & confidence-building

What you need:

Pillows, tape, hula hoops, couch cushions, or any household items to create paths

What to do:

Set up a simple jump and crawl course indoors or outside

Meet your child's needs:

Provide encouragement for your child while completing obstacle & encourage independence Model actions & emphasize action words Let them create their own once they've mastered yours! Create a scavenger hunt while completing the obstacle course (eg., Where is the shoe? Where is the green leaf?)

Why?

Encourages independence, promotes self confidence, increases body coordination, and active learning.



Storytime/ Pretend Play

Skill:

Language, cognitive, creativity & social emotional

What you need:

A favorite book Simple props (stuffed animals, toys, household items)

What to do:

Read your child's favorite story, then act out the story with your child using props or stuffed animals

Meet your child's needs:

Condense story to 2-3 key parts or expand Ask open ended questions, "What happens next?" "How does your stuffy feel?" Encourage the use of imagination Continue play by encouraging them to change the story or to make up a new ending

Why?

Boost receptive and expressive language skills, emotional intelligence, and creative thinking through storytelling.



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