



Literacy Grab & Go Toddlers (1½ - 2-year-olds)

Activity Title: Here or Here?

Domain: Language

Activity Purpose: Getting dressed is an awesome opportunity for learning. Play a fun questioning game to help your child build their vocabulary, language abilities, and get dressed.

Rationale

Children learning to name and describe their bodies and the things their bodies can do is an important part of their development. Understanding their bodies is a good foundation for being interested in doing things more independently, being active, and making healthy choices.

Materials: clothing items

Description of Activity:

1. As you are helping your child get dressed, ask them questions about where to place their top, bottom, shoes and socks. As you ask questions, introduce different types of clothing and body parts.
 - Does this (item of clothes) go on (one body part) or (another body part)?
 - For example, “Does this shirt go on your head or chest?” or “Do these shoes go on your feet or hands?”
2. Prompt your three-year-old to answer you in 3-5 word sentences that incorporate new vocabulary.
 - The shirt goes on your chest.
 - Pants go on your legs.
 - Shoes go on your feet.
3. If your child says the wrong thing, have them repeat the right answer after you. Everyone wins when each article of clothing is put on.

Lagniappe:

This questioning game is perfect for getting dressed in the morning and getting dressed after bath times. Read *Blue Hat, Green Hat* By Sandra Boynton for a fun literacy connection to this game.

You can also extend this activity by adding descriptive words. For example, ask your child, “Do you want to wear a yellow shirt or a blue shirt?” Encourage them to answer in complete sentences by restating words from your question.

Enjoy building your child’s language skills by helping them combine 2-3 words to make phrases. When asking them where certain articles of clothing go, help them say, “on feet,” or “shoes on feet,” as they point to different parts of their body.