

Match the Picture

Primary Objectives

17b. Uses print concepts

Why It's Important

Providing reading labels around your home will promote your child's independence and responsibility. By making the labels part of her reading development, you also promote her understanding of words and pictures and how they are used to communicate.

Materials

None

What You Do

1. Make labels for the materials that your child uses every day. Include each object's name and picture on its label. Affix the label to the box or shelf where the object belongs. Use the labels for toys and games, kitchen supplies, art supplies, and your child's personal items.
2. When your child needs to retrieve or put away materials, encourage her to find the appropriate label by looking at the pictures and words. *It is time to put the crayons away. Can you find the crayon box on the shelf? Look for the picture of the crayons to help you.*
3. Observe your child paying attention to the labels and pictures in order to find the one she is looking for.
4. Assist your child as needed. When she finds the correct label, point to the word and sweep your hand under it as you read it aloud. Look for other opportunities throughout the day to point out labels and read them to your child.