

Alberta Prairie C.O.W. Bus

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Activity

Memory Games

This is a fun challenge for any age that is easy to put together.

1. Collect about 10 items from around the house.
2. Give children enough time to examine each item. Make sure everyone has a chance to handle and talk about things too.
3. Hide the items in a box or bag, or cover them up with a blanket or towel.
4. Then ask to see how many items they can remember. Show them the items when they are right. If they are struggling, give them hints.



Suggestions:

- * Use similar items or very different ones. For example: items from all around the house, items from the child's room, articles of clothing, or family photos.
- * Take turns guessing and running the game.
- * Giving hints is a great practice for children to use describing words and tell you what they know about the items.
- * You can try adding new items to a group or taking away items. Then ask to see if they notice which items are new or missing.

Rhyme

Baby Put Your Shoes On

(Tune: Momma's Little Baby Loves Shortenin' Bread)

Baby put your shoes on, shoes on, shoes on
Baby put your shoes on, 1 2 3
Toes to the left, toes to the right
You wiggle and you jiggle and you pull them on tight
Baby put your shoes on, shoes on, shoes on
Baby put your shoes on, 1 2 3

Continue with:
put your shirt on../
arms to the left../
and you button up tight

You can rhyme with winter clothes too. Try putting on your hat, mitts and boots!



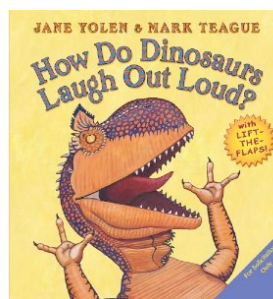
Book Recommendations

0 – 2 years



Baby EyeLike: Black & White
from Play Bac

3 – 4 years



How Do Dinosaurs Laugh Out Loud?
by Jane Yolen & Mark Teague

5 – 6 years



Little Pea
by Amy Krouse Rosenthal & Jen Corace

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