



Purposeful Ongoing Play

Enhancing Language Skills Through Play

Parent Tip Sheet (P.O.P. Sheet) on... Family Photo Albums

- * Gather pictures of your child engaging in different activities or at different events they've participated in.
- * Put the pictures in a small photo album (plastic album for infants) or laminate the pictures and ring bind them together for durability, and talk about what you see together.
- * When looking through those pictures, emphasize important words, labeling the objects, people, and places you see as well as actions depicted.
- * Talk about the pictures with clarity and enthusiasm.
- * As you look through the pictures, ask simple questions about what is depicted and answer them if your child does not provide an answer. For example, "What is that?" or "Who is swimming in the pool?" or "Daddy is swimming!" or "Mommy is pushing the stroller!"
- * Besides regular photo albums, think about other options such as electronic albums through free iPad and iPhone apps, or picture websites where you can generate simple photo books.
- * If the pictures depict a family outing or vacation, talk about that experience together. What was their favorite thing about that experience?
- * If you have multiple children, pick out pictures where you can make fun comparisons. For example, pull out baby pictures of each child and talk about how they're similar or different (color of eyes, amount of hair, etc).
- * Look through the albums multiple times together. Repetition is very important in the learning process and kids enjoy seeing themselves on the page!
- * Enjoy your family photo albums and keep saying...



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