

Activity 3: My Sort of Mess



Activity 3: Instead of “clean up time” being a chore for your child, turn it into a fun activity! “My Sort of Mess” is a game that teaches your child about sorting and classifying things.

What does it build? Sorting and Classifying

Materials: Containers, drawers, or boxes. Toys, clothes, books, or other “messes”

How to Play?

1. Place 3-4 containers (or other) in a line in your in toddlers reach. Label the containers with a picture and word telling the way you’d like the toys, clothes, books or other “messes” sorted.

Ex: If your child is sorting his toys, one container could be labeled “Toys that roll.” Place a picture of a toy that rolls. Another could be labeled “Toys that play music”. Place a picture that matches.

Or, your child could sort by color. “Red toys.” Place a picture of a red crayon and write the word “RED” on it. “Blue toys.” Place a picture of a blue crayon and write the word “BLUE” on it.

2. As always, model the outcome you’d like to see from your child before your child begins. Talk to your child while you show him how to sort his toys. Help your wee one make observations about the objects he will be sorting.

Suggestions for ways to sort: by color, by size, by texture, by kinds (shirts, socks, pants), by genre for books or movies (fairy tales, poems, rhyming).

