



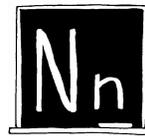
“Making Things”

What’s new in our class this week

We are learning songs and rhymes, and doing activities related to **“Making Things”**!

This week, your child will begin to learn about tools used to make things. We will also teach about making lists of the steps we take to make things.

New Letter



Big “N” and little “n”

We will talk some words that begin with “N”, like Nails, Nurse, Number and Now!

Letter Talk

“Letter Talk” is what we use to help children learn how to form letters!

Letter Talk for big ‘N’

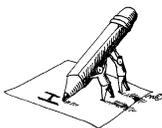
Straight line down. Go to the top of this line. Slanted line down. Straight line up again.

Letter Talk for little ‘n’

Straight line down. Up, curve, and down.

Draw letters in the air or the palm of your child’s hand!

New Concept: Sentences and Words



We will learn that a sentence is made up of words, and words are made up of letters. This is an important concept as your child begins to write his/her own sentences.

Song we are singing



“Pat-a-Cake”

“The Alphabet Song”

Revisiting the Books:

“Alphabet Under Construction” by Denise Fleming

“The Months of School” by Margie Sigman

We will be reading the books “Alphabet under Construction” and “The Months of School”. We have read these books before, so we will help the children remember what the book is about. Also, we will talk about the main details and the order of events in the books. This will help children with the skill of recalling what has been read.

Remembering the details in a story is an important skill for children as they learn to read. You can help your child with this skill by recalling details about special events that have happened in the past. You can do this by looking through pictures or by reminding your child about specific things that happened.

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A Children's Museum

A fun place to visit is an area children's museum!

Museums usually offer exhibits on topics relating to specific areas, like science or history, so find one that is most interesting to you and your child.

All of the exhibits at the museum are designed so children can understand how things are made or work, and also encourages scientific thinking, imagination and creativity.

Typically, they have hands-on activities that really help develop your child's understanding of new things.

If your area does not have a local children's museum, try to organize a field trip to one with your child's class or other parents.

Try These Tips at Home

Teach your child that: *Sentences are made of words*

- As you read with your child, count the number of words in different sentences.
- Clap when each word is said in a sentence.
- Have your child retell something you did together and write down each sentence in front of him or her. ("We went to the mall. I got a shirt.")

Help your child learn the letters: *N and n*

- Help your child isolate words that begin with the letter "N" in sentences.
- Ask your child to write or say all words that he or she knows that begin with the letter "N".

Talk to your child about: *Making Things and Tools to Use*

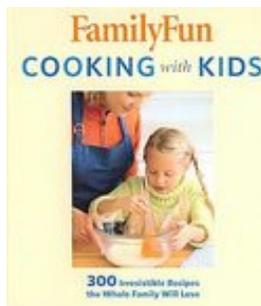
- Show your child the recipe you will be using for dinner and how there is a specific order to the different steps (preheat oven, mix ingredients, put in oven, etc). Ask your child what would happen if you change the order of the steps.
- If you have a hobby that involves making things (scrapbooking, knitting, woodworking), share it with your child and explain the tools used.
- When cooking, talk about the different utensils (knives cut fruit, whisk beats eggs).

Books related to theme

- "B is for Bulldozer" by June Sobel
- "The Magic Toolbox" by Mie Akraki
- "Roadwork" by Sally Sutton
- "The Art Lesson" by Tomie de Paola

Book Pick: "Family Fun Cooking with Kids"

Author: DeAnna Cook



This cookbook can help children learn to make things! It has 300 recipes that can be made with a child's help. Bright color photos of the finished dish illustrate each recipe, and the book has a variety of snacks, meals, and desserts that can feed the family. The book points out what kids can do and also tells when an adult should help.

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