

August

1. Gross motor skills

Spatial orientation: Play movement games where you encourage your child to move her body up and then down, to teach her these concepts.

2. Fine motor skills

Manual dexterity: Allow your child to help you peel vegetables in the kitchen. Teach him to work carefully with the sharp edge of the vegetable peeler.

3. Visual skills

Visual memory: Place two shapes from a shape set on the table in front of your child. Name them. Remove one of the shapes and ask your child to tell you which shape is now missing. Add more shapes as she improves.

4. Auditory skills

Auditory Discrimination: Teach your child a simple nursery rhyme, then play games with it. a) Leave off the rhyming word at the end of each line and let your child complete the line.

b) When he knows the rhyme well, make a deliberate mistake on the last word and let your child spot the error and fix it.

Eg. Instead of saying "Hickory, dickory, dock, the mouse ran up the CLOCK" You say, "Hickory dickory dock, the mouse ran up the TREE" – your child must hear the mistake and correct it. Have fun playing with words and rhyme.

5. Mathematical skills

Numerical relations: Teach your child the concept of opposites:

The whale is big, but the ant issmall

The tree trunk is thick but the flower stalk is ...thin

This glass is full but the other one is ...empty

Daddy is tall, but you are ...short

A match stick is short but a ruler is ... long

A building is high but a doll's house is ...low

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Think of other examples for

Slow – fast

Heavy – light

Few – many

Dark – light

Inside – outside

Up – down

6. Language and thinking skills

Reasoning, creativity: Ask your child what she will do when she is:

Hungry, thirsty, cold, hot, dirty, sleepy, etc

7. Faith-building

"Children should start memorizing Bible passages as early as six or seven years. It is wonderful to have beautiful, comforting, inspiring scriptures stored in the memory. And who knows how this seed of scripture might grow and what kind of fruit it may yield?"

(Charlotte Mason, Home Education, Vol 1.)

Encourage your child to start learning short Bible verses, such as the following:

Matthew 5:16 - Let your light shine before men.

Matthew 19:14 – Yeshua (Jesus) said: "Let the little children come to me."

Ephesians 4:32 - Be kind to one another.

Ephesians 6:1a - Children obey your parents in the Master (Lord) for this is right.

1 Peter 3:9 - Overcome evil with good.

1 Corinthians 13:4 - Love is patient.