



Literacy Grab & Go Preschool (3 - 4-year-olds)

Activity Title: I Spy: Words and Sounds Edition **Domain:** Language

Activity Purpose: Use the format of the familiar guessing game “I Spy” to build your child’s ability to recognize and work with sounds in spoken language.

Rationale

The ability to hear and manipulate (change) sounds in spoken words (referred to as phonological awareness) is the foundation for learning to read. When you engage in language play like this game, you are helping your child build phonological awareness.

Materials: objects (within sight)

Description of Activity:

1. Choose an object within sight.
2. Give directions that will help your child recognize and match rhyming words.
 - For example, you could say, "I spy with my little eye something that rhymes with ‘new’."
 - You child may reply, "shoe, the number 2, blue, etc." based on what they see around them.

Lagniappe: This activity is a fun way to pass the time at home, in the car, or on the go in the community.

Modify your directions to help your child focus on beginning sounds. For example, "I spy with my little eye something that begins with the /b/ sound." Have your child attempt to guess the object you have chosen. Your child may reply with "bed" or "barrette." If outside, they may guess "bird" or "billboard."