

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

Activity Title: Yes, Let's Do It Domain: Language

Activity Purpose: Play this fun drama game to activate your child's imagination, vocabulary, and creativity.

Rationale

Actively participating in role-playing and creative dramatics are fun ways to increase your child's comprehension and use of language. As you act out your actions, introduce new vocabulary and relate the new words back to familiar words and ideas.

Description of Activity:

- 1. Play this fun drama game to activate your child's imagination, vocabulary, and creativity.
- 2. Begin by demonstrating an action, and invite your child to do it too by saying, "Let's (say an action)."
 - For example, "Let's make a sandwich." Have your child reply, "Yes, let's do it."
 Then pretend to make a sandwich. Feel free to engage in a conversation about what you're doing. You can also just model or encourage your child to describe what they are doing.
 - For example:
 - "What kind of sandwich are you thinking of making?"
 - "I am going to make a tomato sandwich. But first I need to get some bread..."
 - "What items/ingredients should we gather to make our sandwich?"
 - "What tools can we use to spread the mayonnaise and mustard?"
 - Next, have your child take a turn sharing an action. No action is too silly. For example:
 - "Let's drive a car." "Yes, let's do it."
 - "Let's track a T-Rex." "Yes, let's do it."
 - "Let's eat a mountain of ice cream." "Yes, let's do it."
 - "Let's pretend to be clowns." "Yes, let's do it."

Lagniappe:

This type of language practice can be done anytime, so have fun helping them speak in complete sentences at home, in the car, or in the community.

Many three-year-olds can string together 2-3 word sentences. Encourage your child to respond beyond *yes* and *no* by incorporating words from your question.

