

Book of Familiars

Primary Objectives

7b. Uses writing and drawing tools

Why It's Important

When your child begins to recognize familiar items around your home and remember how each item is used, she may begin to classify them in various ways.

Materials

Paper; markers or crayons; fasteners such as staplers, brads, rings

What You Do

1. Set up the paper, crayons, and markers at a table.
2. Invite your child to make a book with you about familiar items around your home.
3. Explain that she will be completing the following sentence: *Each day at home I use....* You may need to rephrase the sentence as a question in order to elicit a response. *What things do you use at home each day?* Engage her in a discussion about how she uses each item she names.
4. Encourage your child to illustrate each page. Label each page as she completes it.
5. Bind the pages with staples or other materials.
6. Invite your child to read the book with you when it is finished. Encourage her to share the book with other family members.
7. Allow your child to add to the book as more items in your home become familiar to her.