Vocabulary Grab & Go Station

Materials and books needed

Books:

*If You’re Happy and You Know it* by Jane Cabrera

*Bouncy Baby: a First Lift-the-Flap Book*

*My Car* by Byron Barton

*How Do Dinosaurs Laugh Out Loud?* by Jane Yolen

*I Read Signs* by Tana Hoban

*If You Give a Cat a Cupcake* by Laura Numeroff

*Our Class Took a Trip to the Zoo* by Shirley Neitzel

Materials:

1 bean bag or beach ball

**Vocabulary**

Babies

Activity #1

Playing with words with your baby can be fun. A great rhyme to do this is “Put Your Finger on Your Nose”.

 Put your finger on your nose, on your nose.

 Put your finger on your nose, on your nose.

Put your finger on your nose, put your finger on your nose, put your finger on your nose, on your nose.

Then change what you put your finger on, such as eyes, ears or toes. This can be expanded to items in your house or even in your grocery cart. “put your finger on the chair,” “put your finger on the peas.”

**Vocabulary**

Babies

Activity #2

 Books are a great way to build vocabulary. Read If You’re Happy and You Know It by Jane Cabrera or Bouncy Baby: a First Lift-the-Flap Book. Point out all the fun words and actions to do with your baby.

Talking to your child and using different words for an object or

concept can increase even a baby’s vocabulary. For example, when a child points and says, “Bird”, parents can say “Yes it is a bird, it is a blue jay.”

**Vocabulary**

Toddlers

 Activity #1

  Parents can play “I Spy” with their

 toddlers. Example of what parents can say, “I spy (or See) something square,” and have the child point to a square object in the room. If the toddler is

 talking, have the child say what the object is. As long as the

 toddler follows direction and finds objects, continue playing.

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Toddlers

Activity #2

 Books are a great way to build

 vocabulary. Read Byron Barton’s My Car, Jane Yolen’s How Do Dinosaurs Laugh Out Loud or I Read Signs by Tana Hoban. Look at the illustrations and talk to your child about what can be

found on the pages of the books.

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concept can increase even a toddler’s vocabulary. For example, when a child points and says, “Bird”, parents can say “Yes it is a bird, it is a blue jay.”

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Preschoolers

Activity #1

 Use a beach ball or bean bag and sitting on the floor roll or toss the ball/bag back and forth while saying rhyming words.

 Example: cat, mat, bat, rat.

 Do not worry if your child makes up words for now. Parents can have that conversation after the game is over. Move to bigger words if these are too easy.

**Vocabulary**

Preschoolers

Activity #2

 Reading is a great way to build

 vocabulary. Read Our Class Took a Trip to the Zoo by Neitzel or If You Give a Cat a Cupcake by Numeroff.

Once you have read through the story, pick out some words, talk about animals or items in the story and expand upon them. Example: what other animals would you find in a zoo? What ingredients would you need to make cupcakes?

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