

Labeling

Primary Objectives

17b. Uses print concepts

Why It's Important

Children love to help around the house, especially when they can see their work displayed every day. Making labels for materials in your home will help your child feel that he has made a contribution while he develops his writing skills.

Materials

Markers; large sticker labels

What You Do

1. Think about items in your home that would be appropriate to label. For example, you and your child could label desk or dresser drawers, kitchen cabinets, or closets.
2. Invite your child to help you label some things in your home. *We could put a label on this drawer that says the word socks so that we know what is inside.*
3. Ask him to find items in the room that need to be labeled. *The cookie jar has a label on it. What else do you see that needs to be labeled?*
4. Using big sticker labels and a marker, make the labels with your child. Talk about the letters as you write them and then read the words when finished.
5. After the labels are made, ask your child to help you match them to the things in your home and place them where they belong. Let him make decisions about where they look best. *I see you put that label in the middle of the door. Do you think we need to put that label closer to the window?*
6. Encourage your child to share the new labels with other family members.