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Oral Language in the early years...

When to add Language?

* At playtime

* During meal time

* While driving in the car

* Quiet moments before bed

Social Distancing Song and Story...

- Wash Your Hands! Song
- Tortoise and Hedgehog Explain Social Distancing

Oral language is an important part of your child's development. It is easy for parents to incorporate language into everyday moments.

Activities that enhance oral language development:

- Reading to your child
- Tell stories - use pictures or toys to add detail
- Sing and tell jokes
- Adding Conversation to table top activities such as Play Dough, Lego time, snack or meal time. Narrate as you do the activity.

Here are some links to different stories and activities to try in the New Year!

- Ted Sloan Reading "You Hold Me Up"
- Extension on Kindness
- Wanda Forester Reading "Brown Bear, Brown Bear"
- Brown Bear Extension Ideas

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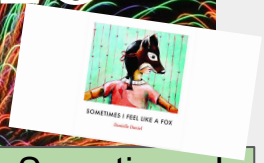
Scissor Skills for Early Learners..



Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox Story Link

Scissors Fun Links

C-U-T Song

Scissor Poem

Here's a video on How to Hold Scissors

Fine Motor Play...

* **Finger Painting**
* **Make an ornament with beads**
* **Lego**
* **Colouring**
* **Playdough**

Scissor Skills

A great fine motor skill that early learners need before entering school is working with scissors. When small children enter into school many of the school activities based around using scissors.

1. At around 1.5 to 2 years of age we get children familiar with holding scissors correctly.
2. Opening and closing of the scissors.
3. Paper snipping moving forward
4. Using other hand to hold the paper while cutting.
5. Following Lines while cutting
6. Following curved lines when cutting.

Here are some Scissor Videos and Activities to Help you start out the new year with this great skill.....

- Playdough Scissor Practice
- How to Make a Cutting Busy Box
- Here's a Fox Mask to Cut Out for the Story "Sometimes I feel Like a fox"