



Communication, Language, and Literacy Activity for 12 to 18 Months

My Own Word Book

Children this age enjoy pointing at things and naming them. It gives them practice with productive vocabulary.

Materials:

- Photo album with magnetic plastic pages or other homemade book
- Magazine pictures, photos, or drawings

To make:

- Add a picture of each new word the child learns to her personal wordbook. It's a fun way to keep track of a growing vocabulary.

What to do:

1. Look at the pictures together as the child sits in your lap.
2. Don't correct the child's pronunciation. Simply repeat the word in a sentence yourself. "Yes, that's right. That is orange juice."

Variations:

- A. Add a few very familiar objects that the child hasn't said. You can "test" receptive vocabulary by saying, "Where's the kitty?" See if the child points to it.
- B. Make a book of people familiar to the child.

