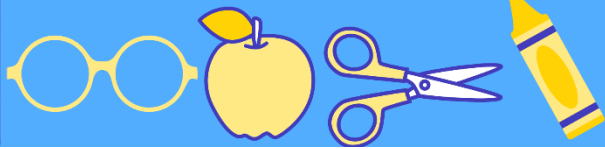




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Positional Words

Why It's Important: Positional words are an early math skill. Not only do many screenings require that your child knows some positional words, but they're a great way to give your child a head start with more complex math like geometry.

Everyday Tips: Any time you're stuck waiting (grocery store, doctor's office, brother's piano lessons) is a great time for a positional word game. "Put the keys next to your head. Put them on top of your hand. Put them between you and dad" etc.

Activity 1: Make a game out of a toy and a cup. Give your child a small toy and a cup, and go through some positional words to see if they can figure them out. Here are some words to try:

Inside

Above

Beside

Outside

Below

On top of

In front of

Next to

Under

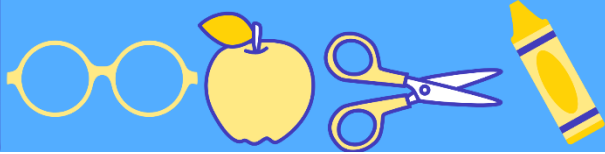
Behind

In between

Over



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Activity 2: Combine shapes, positional words, guided play, and fine motor skills by having your child draw something (a square, a couch, a car, a triangle, a princess, etc.) and have a small toy (like a dinosaur) interact with it. You can use phrases like “put the dinosaur *beside* the car. What would happen if the dinosaur got *on top of* the car?” to facilitate

Activity 3: This positional relativity activity is a little more complex, but your child can do it with your help! Find 5-6 Lego (or other small toy) of different colors and use position words to have your child place them in relation to each other. For instance, “Place the **red** block *in between* the **blue** block and the **yellow** block, then place the **green** block *in front* of them.