

Classifying

Choice Board

Ask your child to choose one or more of the activities show below. Making a choice and following through are important skills for cognitive and social emotional development.

Questions to Ask:

- "Why did you sort these things in this way?"
- "What do these things have in common? How are they different?"
- "Is there another way that you could sort these things? Can you show me?"

<p>Sort It: Put eating utensils in a pile; ask your child to put all the items that are alike together; all the spoons together; forks etc.</p>	<p>Fold and Stack It: When folding laundry, ask your child to stack the clothing items into similar in piles...socks together, shirts together, pants together, etc.</p>	<p>Collect and Sort It: Collect leaves, rocks or sticks outside. Have your child sort them into piles of similar characteristics, for instance things that grow on trees, things that have petals, things that are green, etc.</p> <p>Once they have sorted them have them try to sort again in a different way.</p>
<p>Sort and Stow It: Have your child help sort groceries according to where they go (refrigerator, pantry, or freezer. Ask them if they see similar items?</p>	<p>Sort and Organize It: Have your child sort crayons, markers, colored pencils by color or length.</p>	<p>Sort and Tidy It: Next time your child is needs to clean up toys, ask them to start by putting away all the toys with a specific attribute such as color, or size, then by objects of a certain kind, or with a specific function (such as toys that make noise, can be snuggled, stacked, or rolled).</p>



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