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6 ideas for practicing essential skills with a fun, engaging brand in a fun, engaging way!

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HAPPY HOMESCHOOLING!

While many people have found themselves homeschooling their children during this time of uncharted waters, we feel it is important to not constantly emphasize and hyper-focus on "traditional" academics. There are so many ways to accomplish teaching and practicing skills without worksheet-based activities! Kids can do these activities and feel more of a sense of play, but ultimately be expanding understandings that are going to help them grow as readers, writers, and mathematicians.

Over the holidays, our friends over at Sun-Staches put out a bingo game which included calling cards with pictures of a number of their products. We found so many uses for these and wanted to share! Sure, these games can be played with other cards/objects, but the element of fun and novelty added with the glasses is something we enjoy. Not to mention, there are a lot of unique attributes of the glasses that add to the critical thinking in some of the more advanced activities!

Each of these can be adapted for a variety of ages. Also, These are just a few of the endless ideas. Try these and then share what else you have done with the cards!

SKILL: MATCHING AND MEMORY

The basic game of memory is simple yet full of brain development for littles! Storing and retrieving memories is crucial to all areas of learning.

TRADITIONAL MEMORY

Print two copies of page 1, 2, 3, and/or 4 so you have doubles of each card. Place the cards face down in an array. Take turns turning two cards over to find matches! Increase difficulty by adding more cards into the array!



MOVE & MATCH

Tape one of the Sun-Staches from each pair around the house. Show your child a card and then have them search for the matching pair and only bring that specific one back to you! Add movement/time elements (ex: how fast can you find... you have ten seconds to find... hop to the match... walk backwards to the match).

SKILL: VISUAL DISCRIMINATION, CLASSIFYING, SORTING

The ability to determine similarities and differences between objects to help us understand our surroundings. Analyzing the picture enhances critical thinking skills!

SORTING MAT

Divide a paper or space into sections and give your child different attributes to sort the glasses by! Challenge them to sort by color, license, hair/no hair, etc.



OUT YOU GO!

Choose 2 cards that have a similar attribute. Select a non-related 3rd card and lay them in front of your child (ex: two animals/one human, two Disney/one non, etc). Ask them to determine which one doesn't belong. When they figure it out, have them explain their thinking to confirm. If it is correct, they can remove it and shout "OUT YOU GO!"

SECRET CLUB

Intrigue your child by asking if they want to help with a secret club. Without sharing aloud with them, choose an attribute the glasses must have to be in the secret club (ex: see through mouth of character (not eyes)/ears of character are showing). This will be the 'rule' of who can be in the secret club. Explain that they will ask you if a set of glasses can be in the club and you will say 'yes' or 'no.' Have your child lay the cards in two groups according to your answers. As they are asking and sorting, have them try to determine the rule for being in the club. Continue with different rules!

SKILL: DESCRIPTIVE VOCABULARY, ASKING QUESTIONS

HEADBANDS (HEDBANZ)

Take turns placing cards on head (see photo for quick solution with at home supplies). Ask yes/no questions to find out what character is on your head. Again, make it light or add official game rules!



HEADSUP

Take turns holding a stack of cards to your head. Have the other players provide clues to get you to say your character. You can incorporate more official rules like keeping score, playing in teams, and timing... or you can just do it for fun and practice!