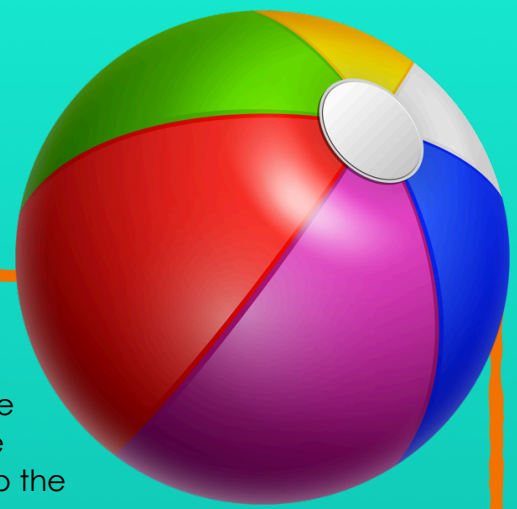


Literacy Games



Rhyming Ball:

In this game, kids can show the rhymes they know. Stand or sit facing each other a few feet apart and roll or throw a ball to the child. Say two words. If the words rhyme, the child should roll the ball back to you. If the words don't rhyme, the child should keep the ball until you say a pair of words that does rhyme. To vary the game, have the child say a word and then roll the ball to you. Roll back the ball with a word that rhymes with your child's word. Take turns for who goes first and who comes up with the rhyming word. See how long you can keep things rolling!

Syllable Hunt:

Another literacy skill that is important for kids to practice is counting syllables. To play this game, one player says a word and then claps and counts the syllables. Both players then look around the room and find objects and how many syllables are in the word. Here's an example - Player 1: "Hey, find an object in the room that has one syllable." Player 2: "Okay, how about couch! (They clap while they say the word. One! Couch has one syllable.)" Player 1: "Awesome! Now can you find something in the room that has 2 syllables?" Player 2: "How about 'lamp'? (They clap out lamp.) Nope. That's just 1." Player 1: "Let me try 'table'. (They clap out table.) Yes! Table has 2 syllables!" Keep going back and forth finding words with more syllables each time.

Alphabet or Letter Sound Search:

Here's one you can play at home or even while driving! Ask the child or children to search for a letter of the alphabet. For example, "Find a letter b." Whoever finds the letter gets to choose the next letter to find. To vary the game, ask them to find an object that starts with a certain sound. For example, "Find things that start with the /t/ sound!"



Reading Challenge Reminder:

*Have you been meeting your reading goal over break? If you haven't joined the Summer Reading Challenge yet, follow this link <https://www.isd318.org/summerreading> to learn more and download a reading log that works for you!

*Also, check out some new books on the MyOn website by following this link: <https://www.myon.com/school/grandrapidsummerreading> and using the username: myon and the password: books to log in. There are great books for all ages and interests there! To learn more about the website, follow this link for a video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zUCmfw_0N-0.

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