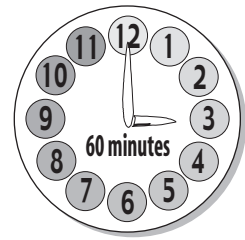


Cleaning Day Fun

Connecting Words and Their Meanings



Cleaning and learning can happen together with this fun, educational activity!

- Ask your child to help you gather a pile of clothing, toys, sports equipment, or art supplies.
- Invite your child to sort the items into “broad” categories first: clothes, toys, etc.
- Display a list of two or three categories.
- Ask your child to name each item in a specific category and choose a storage container or other area that will be large enough for items to be stored.
- Help your child write the name of each specific category on labels to identify where items will be stored (shelves, drawers, boxes, file folders).
- Place the labels on the storage areas or containers.
- Encourage your child to put things away using the labeled containers.
- Help your child go through the storage areas occasionally to see that the items are correctly placed. Are other storage containers needed?
- Add labels, as needed, on other storage areas.

Materials

- children’s everyday items (clothing, toys, sports equipment, art supplies)
- storage units (dressers, shelves, milk crates, cardboard boxes)
- file folders
- labels
- washable markers

Grade Levels

- Kindergarten
- Grade 1

