Parent Engagement for Active Child Enrichment



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Book Recommendations Theme: Teaching Social-Emotional Skills

Age range: 3 to 8

<u>Title:</u> Rainbow Fish Author: Marcus Pfister

Title: I Have A Problem," Said The Bear

Author: Heinz Janischney

Title: When I am/Cuando estoy (Ages 2-5; Text

in both English/Spanish)
Author: Gladys Rosa-Mendoz

Title: Abiyoyo
Author: Pete Seeger

Title: My Many Colored Days

Author: Dr. Seuss

The PEACE Mission

To enable caregivers with limited resources to actively engage with their children to enrich their growing minds and prepare them for school and life success.

Why we do what we do?

Research shows that a home environment that encourages learning is even more important than parents' income, education level, or cultural background.

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Padmaja Sarathy, the president of PEACE, who develops these newsletters with research-based parenting tips, is the author of multiple books (www.infinitepossibilities-sped.com).

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Research Informs Us

When you involve children in story-telling and story-building activities, children get to draw information from their working memory. They get to practice holding and manipulating the information as the story evolves. It helps to strengthen your child's executive function skills — attention skills, working memory, and flexibility in thinking as well as foster imagination and creative thinking.

(See Center for the Developing Child: https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/)

PEACE has Embarked on a New Initiative Through posting brief videos on diverse parent engagement topics on our <u>Facebook page</u> to guide families.

The current videos include **stories** serving as models, **story-telling and story-building strategies** and **playing games** with children to have fun and build their brains. Future videos will present **positive behavior strategies**, **STEM-focused activities**, and many more. Visit our Facebook page to see the videos: Facebook.com/peacenurtureskids.org

Parent-Child Engagement Tips

Engage with your child in story-telling and story-building strategies to build attention and strengthen memory. You will foster imagination and creativity, skills needed to be 21st century innovators.

- Share stories about shared events. After you share a story with your child, have your child tell you a story. This activity involves your child in remembering and recalling an event, the order in which things happened, why things happened the way they did, and what the experience meant for your child. The story-telling experience builds your child's working memory and focus required for academic success.
- Write the story down as your child relates the story and read it back to your child.
- Build a group story together with your children. You start the story and pass it on to your child to add a sentence, phrase or a word. Take back and forth turns with your children to build the story together. This is a great activity to pursue when you are waiting at a doctor's office or while riding in the car. Visit PEACE Facebook page to see a video about it.
- Make a sock puppet with your child related to the story. Use your creative talent to make a Sock Puppet or check out YouTube videos or Apps.