

P.E.A.C.E. is a nonprofit dedicated to empowering families to engage with their young children to prepare them for school success.

Take advantage of the current time together with your children due to school closure to play verbal games to strengthen your child's language skills and to nurture the growing brain. Playing games is fun, relaxing during the current stressful times and helps build your child's attention and academic skills.

- **Practice Rhyming Words Game** when you are working in the kitchen or have a few minutes to spare.
Say a word (e.g., Cat,) and ask your child to come up with another word that rhymes with it (e.g., mat, sat, fat, etc.) or say, "What rhymes with bread"? and get your child to respond (e.g., dread, spread, thread, sled, read, etc.).
- **Play the "Pizza Topping" Game to Build Attention and Focus.**
The adult says: I'm going to have a pizza with (cheese). The child repeats what the parent said "I'm going to have a pizza with (cheese) and adds his/her pizza topping (tomato)." Then the parent repeats what was previously said and adds another topping to the list. At each turn, all the players have to remember all that was said before, repeat it in the right sequence, and add a new topping.

The game helps to focus attention, to remember (working memory), and with inhibitory control (not get distracted). These are skills essential for school success.
- **Play Guessing Games:** Give clues to an object and have your child guess what it is. Reverse role. Assist your child to give you the clues and you guess what "it" is.
- **Play "Twenty Questions" and "I Spy" Games.**