

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA

Family Child Care Home Education Network (FCCHEN) Parent and Provider Resource: Activities for Distance Learning

Poetry and Rhymes

The following activity will support your child's learning while they are at home. Talk to your child and ask questions as you play. As your child listens to you, your child builds language and social skills, further reinforcing the concepts you are teaching. Match activities to your child's favorite books, songs, or toys to make them more meaningful learning experiences. Visit our website at www.chs-ca.org and click on the News and Events tab for more learning resources.

SCHOOL-AGE - Activity: Found Poems

What you need:

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Paper take-out menus
- Damaged books
- Safety scissors
- Glue
- Construction paper
- Markers
- Shoe box

What to do:

- Place the materials on a table
- Invite children to look through the print materials and cut out any words they like. Any size, shape, or color is fine
- Once they have a collection of words, invite them to create a poem by gluing words onto their paper to form phrases
- They can use the markers to make borders for words they want to stand out and draw symbols or pictures to accompany their poem
- Children may also choose to work together to form one longer poem
- Once their poems are complete, host a poetry jam where they take turns reading their poems out loud
- Create a poetry book by placing the poems in a binder, or frame them and hang them on the wall
- Save words children did not use in a shoebox and label it as the "Word Box" so children can use them for future writing projects

What the activity does:

- Practices letter and word recognition
- Introduces new vocabulary
- Increases print awareness by using multiple print materials
- Fosters creative expression
- Builds small motor strength needed for writing by using scissors



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