

Talking Walking Collage

Primary Objectives

- 4. Demonstrates traveling skills
- 9a. Uses an expanding expressive vocabulary

Why It's Important

Engaging your child in conversations about her surroundings is a good way to develop vocabulary and make her more aware of her immediate environment. By making a collage from materials relevant to the conversation, you give your child an opportunity to recall the details of your talk and make it easier to share the memory with others.

Materials

Paper; glue; tape; paper bag

What You Do

1. Invite your child to join you on a “talking walk.” Explain that you will explore outside and see what you can find. *What do you think we will see on our walk around the playground?*
2. As you walk together, talk about what you see. Point out insects under stones and squirrels in trees. Observe the weather, clouds, people, and passing cars.
3. Encourage your child to use the paper bag to collect leaves, sticks, and other materials. Wonder aloud and ask questions that prompt her to describe what she finds. *I wonder why some leaves are green and some are brown. I hear a bird singing high up in the tree. What do you hear?*
4. When you return from the walk, encourage your child to talk about what she saw and heard. Provide her with paper and glue to make a collage using the objects she collected.
5. Offer to write down her description of the objects as she works on the collage. When finished, display the collage and description and encourage your child to share it with other family members or friends.