SUPPORT HANDWRITING AND FINE MOTOR SKILLS - HANDOUT



Ideas on different activities to do with your children that cover the main sections of this presentation

<u>Gross Motor before Fine Motor</u>



Tape a pen on the end of a car. Lay some paper on the floor and ask child to lay on their tummy and draw with the car. Encourage child to draw in large arc shapes. Who many can they do?



Using a wheelbarrow or buggy/pram. Place toys around the house or garden and ask child to push their buggy etc. to go and collect them. How quick can they manoeuvre the buggy and collect the toys?



Place a series of playdough balls on the table. Ask child to 'smash' them with either his flat hand or using a tool such as a masher



Using masking tape or chalk mark out a route on the floor. Give child a large car/truck and ask them to 'drive' their car along the track.

Developing the core



Get a bucket of water and a brush and ask the child to 'paint' the house or fence. Encourage them to do large movements



If you have access to a trampoline, ask the child do bounce as many times as they can in one minute.



Whizz balls can be purchased for £1. Make sure the child extends their arms each turn



Get the child to high knee (no siting back on legs) whilst playing at a suitable table

More information at:

http://redbridgeserc.org/resources/category/gross-motor-activity-packs

Sitting for Success



Ensure your child is sitting correctly.

- Feet on the ground
- Bottom to the back of the chair
- Back upright

Now the body and brain are ready to learn

Fine Motor Skills



Pegs

Great for developing:

- Pincer grip
- Finger strength
- Wrist Rotation
- Two hands



Buttons

Great for developing

- Pincer grip
- Finger strength
- Wrist manipulation
- Two hands



Pac Man

Great for developing

- Pincer grip
- Finger strength
- Visual and Motor perception



Nuts and bolts

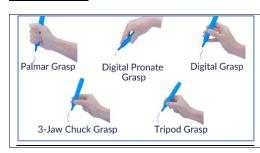
Great for developing

- Pincer grip
- Manipulation
- Wrist and hand rotation
- Finger strength

For additional information at:

http://redbridgeserc.org/resources/category/fine-motor-boxes-stage-1-9-free-to-download

Pencil Grasps



Pencil grasps develop over time.

The desirable tripod grasp generally develops sometime after 4 ½ years old. However, after 10 years old, it is difficult to adjust the grasp that's has developed.

ICT for Fine Motor Skills





<u>Dexteria</u> Fine motor development



Bugs and Buttons Speed and precision

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