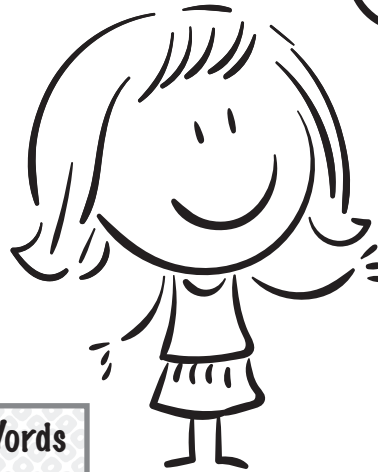


I Can Imagine



This week, children will learn ways to share their imaginative and creative ideas with others.

We will celebrate their imaginations.

Word of the Week

imagination

Using your imagination means to form pictures in your mind of something that you cannot see or is not real.

Use the Word of the Week at home.

You might say:

When we look up at a cloud and see an animal shape, we are using our imaginations.

More Words to Know

create

flip

make-believe

put together

slide

take apart

turn

Dressing Up

Play dress up with your child. Let your child dress in your clothes and then accessorize with jewelry, shoes, and hats. Ask: *Where will you go? What will you do?*

Storytelling

Make up a story filled with imaginary characters, and invite your child to help you decide what each character does. Connect a sequence of actions and give the story an ending. Ask: *What will happen next? And then? How will the story end?* Your child will be exploring and trying out storytelling skills.

It's Good to Dream

Encourage your child to dream and imagine. Share some of your dreams. Imagining is one way that children explore ideas and concepts that are not part of their current life. They are able to sit in a cardboard box and "sail" across the ocean or "launch" into the sky.

Make New Shapes

Cut three squares of paper. Divide one square into triangles by cutting it diagonally from corner to corner. Divide one square into rectangles by cutting it in half. Give the paper shapes to your child and say: *How will you put two shapes together to make a new shape? Which two shapes can you put together to make a big triangle? a parallelogram? a square?* Describe how the paper shapes are turned and moved to create the new shape. Add more paper shapes and enjoy the shape pictures that your child creates.

Coming Next Week: Children will express their creativity in art, music, story, and dance.