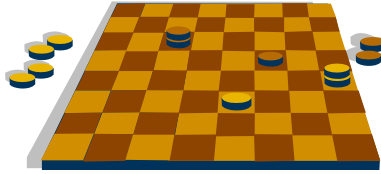


Fall Family Night

October 26, 2010



Bring Back the Boards!

Board games are a great way for the entire family to get together and have some quality family fun! In addition, your child will continue learn at home as they practice academic and social skills in a relaxed fun atmosphere while interacting with family and friends.

Consider:

Most games practice

- reading and following directions and turn-taking
- spatial directions and directionality - moving pieces
- completing tasks in an organized fashion
- computation or counting - moving pieces or handling money
- color recognition - piece or space identification
- memory and sequencing skills
- problem solving

Uno practices

- sequencing and patterning
- color and number recognition
- spatial relations: skip, reverse

Monopoly or Monopoly Jr. practices

- reading and following directions
- handling money, making change
- cause and effect
- money management, basic finance strategies and terms

Sorry practices

- turn-taking, patience
- cause and effect, developing strategies
- counting
- reading and following directions
- problem-solving and logic

Clue, Clue Jr. or Guess Who practices

- problem solving, deductive reasoning
- analyzing situations and predicting outcomes
- drawing conclusions
- using context clues

Boggle or Boggle Jr. practices

- reading and spelling skills
- discovering patterns

Battleship practices

- counting
- spatial relationships
- deductive and inductive reasoning, problem solving
- predicting outcomes
- developing strategies
- plotting grid coordinates
- seeing and developing patterns

Checkers, Chinese Checkers, Slide 5 or Connect Four practices

- developing strategies
- predicting outcomes
- cause and effect
- spatial relationships - grids

Scrabble or Scrabble Junior practices

- reading and spelling words
- developing vocabulary
- dictionary skills

Twister practices

- color recognition
- left/right orientation, spatial relationships
- motor coordination

Yahtzee practices

- basic math skills
- problem solving, developing strategies

Chutes and Ladders practices

- cause and effect
- counting

Operation practices

- hand-eye coordination
- reading labels and diagrams
- basic anatomy

Pictionary or *Pictionary Jr.* practices

- vocabulary skills
- word associations
- using context or picture/visual clues

Rummikub practices

- number sequencing
- problem solving
- critical thinking - cause and effect

Password practices

- word associations
- context clues
- vocabulary skills

Dominoes practice

- matching
- developing strategies
- counting skills
- recognizing and developing patterns

Memory games practice

- focusing
- retaining information
- developing visual or auditory memory skills

Othello practices

- developing strategies
- drawing conclusions
- recognizing and developing patterns
- working with grids

Trouble practices

- counting skills
- problem solving

Backgammon practices

- problem solving and strategies
- predicting and inductive reasoning
- computation and counting skills

Mancala practices

- developing and recognizing patterns
- making predictions and problem solving
- counting skills

Mastermind practices

- coding and decoding
- developing and recognizing patterns
- problem solving and logic

Remember to have your own game nights. Find a comfortable place to play with seats for everyone. Get out the snacks and drinks. Have someone pick their favorite game and have some fun. It can be our secret that learning is taking place. ;)