Ideas for learning at home

When you look for new ways to keep your child busy and learning, you can start with her interests and skills. Can you build on what your child is learning at school?

You may already have the toys and supplies for lots of fun activities. Look for ways your child can:

- **Explore, ask questions, and solve problems**—a magnifying glass, watering can, flashlight, jigsaw puzzles
- **Learn letter sounds, letter names, and words**—cereal boxes, road signs, books, magazines
- **Be creative**—rocks, sticks, blocks, chalk, crayons, paper, scissors, playdough, cardboard boxes, puppets
- **Listen, sing, and play music**—a harmonica, a drum, and music on TV, radio, or CDs
- **Learn to count and get a sense of amounts**—board games, play money, a kitchen timer, measuring cups and spoons
- **Talk and play with you, a family member, or a friend**—card games, outdoor games, scarves and hats for dress up
- **Move**—a hula hoop, a ball, a sprinkler, a snowman

Think of activities with just enough challenge so that—with your help—your child will feel successful.