

LOOK FOR CLUES

CHILDREN LOOK FOR CLUES TO HELP THEM MAKE SENSE OF THE WORLD. PROVIDE CHILDREN TIME TO CAREFULLY THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY HEAR, SEE, SMELL, FEEL, AND TASTE AS THEY LOOK FOR CLUES. HELP THEM UNDERSTAND HOW THESE CLUES SUPPORT GOOD DECISION-MAKING.

WHAT TO BAKE?



Ask children to choose a healthy cookie recipe for the family. Invite them to imagine a healthy cookie and ask them to draw and describe it. Encourage them to use their pictures and words as clues to find a recipe for a cookie that best fits their description.

WHAT TO WEAR?

Look outside the window together to look for clues about the weather. Use these clues to help decide how cold or hot, wet or dry, or windy it is outside. Listen to or look at the weather forecast to check your thinking and invite children to decide what they should wear to go outside.



WHAT SONG TO LISTEN TO?

Listen to some songs together. Share how the songs made each of you feel. Talk about what clues in the songs create certain feelings (happy, sad, angry, lonely, excited) and why the songs make you feel that way. Invite children to pick a few songs to listen to that will make everyone feel happy.

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

A delicious dinner is cooking in the oven. Invite children to look for clues to try to figure out what it is. Have them think about what it smells like, what food scraps they see and, if it's safe, what leftover ingredients taste like. Write down ideas and see how accurate each idea is at dinner time.



ARE WE THERE YET?



While driving with children to a familiar place, invite children to try to figure if you will arrive early, on time or late. Invite children to look for clues along the drive that will help them decide. Help them pay attention to familiar sights, sounds and smells along the way. Ask how close or far they think they are and how the clues help them to know.

WHAT TO GIVE?

Help children use clues to come up with good gift ideas. Invite them to imagine spending time with the person receiving the gift. What clues can they use to know what the person is like, what is important to them, what they like and don't like? Make some gift suggestions and ask which gift best fits the clues.

