

Games to reinforce sight words, never again words, and numerals

Memory – make 2 sets of matching cards. Turn them face down and take turns with your child. Turn over 2 cards and try to find a matching pair. Be sure you “read” the words as you turn them over.

Go Fish – attach a paper clip to the word or number cards. Tie or hot glue a magnet on a string, tie it to the end of a dowel or ruler. Use this “fishing pole” to fish for the words. Read them as you collect them.

Use Scrabble or Boggle tiles or to spell out sight words.

Squirt shaving cream onto a platter or tray. Encourage your child to write words or numerals in the shaving cream. Try this game using instant pudding! After writing your child can lick the plate!

Pick out one or two sight words to focus on. Give your child a yellow marker and a piece of newspaper. Encourage him or her to see how many times they can find those words in the newspaper, they will highlight the words with the marker. Try this with a breakfast cereal box.

Choose a word or numeral your child is working on. Tape it where your child will see it many times every day. Each time your child passes the word encourage him or her to read it. You can make this more fun by giving them a fly swatter to swat the word as they read it!

CRASH – write the words or numerals onto cards. On 3 or 4 of the same size cards, write the word CRASH with a funny bubble around it. Mix up all the cards and turn them over in a pile. Take turns with your child, flipping over a card and reading it. If you read it correctly you collect the cards. If you get a CRASH card you have to return all your cards to the pile.