Games Siblings Can Play to Build School Skills

Older kids can help their younger siblings to get ready for school. Here is a fun list of 5 games to build their school readiness skills.

01. I Spy. Take turns picking something that you see and then try to describe it to the other person. Older siblings can help younger kids practice recognizing letters (“I spy a word with the letter A”), colors (“I spy something green”), shapes, numbers, and more!

02. Who Can Find the Most? See who can count the most of some thing (like squirrels, cars, peas, anything!). This helps kids practice their numbers.

03. Mirror drawing. Fold a piece of paper in half. Take turns being the leader who starts to draw on their half. The follower has to try to copy what the leader draws. This helps with fine motor and writing skills.

04. What’s Missing? Put some objects, like small toys, on a tray and let your sibling look at them. Cover the items and have your sibling close their eyes. Take one object away. Have your sibling open their eyes, uncover the tray, and guess what is missing. This helps with memory.

05. Sounds Like......To practice letter sounds and listening, use a card with the alphabet or any other picture of letters. Say a word starting with one of the letters (like “turtle”). Ask your sibling to point to the letter that the word starts with (“T”).