Using everyday objects to encourage play, language and social interaction

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Children with autism

- May have strong interests that inhibit their exploration of other things in their environment
- May prefer to chart their own course with toys, rather than share a joint experience
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQxDG4LD1Eo&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQxDG4LD1Eo&feature=related)
Children with autism

• May make their own rules, patterns, and sense about things
• May be inflexible about learning new rules, patterns, and others’ expectations
May line up toys

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xF2J4MttPP1&feature=
Children with autism

• May get lost
  – in videos
  – in sensory experiences
Children with autism

- Typically show differences in play behavior at an early age
- And continue to demonstrate differences as they age
Building attention

- Follow the child’s lead
  - What is he interested in?
Eye contact

• Use it as ‘part’ of the game

• [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-xfaleH3Hf0&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-xfaleH3Hf0&feature=related)
Mirror, mirror
Mirror neurons and imitation
imitation

• Buy 2!
  – Avoids the emotional impact of having to share
  – Child may be willing to mirror your actions with an object that is the same as hers
  – Avoid extremely highly preferred objects, as she may want to hoard rather than participate in shared experience
Developing social-ness

- Play teaches a child how to regulate emotions, how to navigate the social world and how to interact with the physical world. Play is the inclination that introduces us to possibilities in the smallest ways (e.g. these kinds of things are easy to spin!) and the largest ways (e.g. being kind to others is a choice)
- {TahirihBushey}
You need to play

Playing is like breathing, hugging, prayer--you need to play.
Everyone needs to play.
Not about autism!

Games

• Moving together games
  – Easier to participate when movement is involved
  – Running and Falling
Playing/sharing

- Playing together rather than just with toy or object
- Goal is shared
- Joint attention to shared task
Step on...

- Letters
- Numbers
- Take turns
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3YRCLvg7B3l&feature=player_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3YRCLvg7B3l&feature=player_embedded)
- Jump
- Skip
- Sleep on
- Sit on
Developing anticipation: HOT!

- Most children love this game. Occasionally, the rapid, chaotic movement where everyone is looking for a new bean bag chair is upsetting to a child. If this is true for your child, move slowly. Move one chair over. Add a song as you move.

- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0mOai-DW6Y&feature=player_embedded#!](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0mOai-DW6Y&feature=player_embedded#!)
Hide and Seek

• Video model example:
  - [http://www.youtube.com/user/tahirihrose#p/u/171/zJDYntYhqlc](http://www.youtube.com/user/tahirihrose#p/u/171/zJDYntYhqlc)
  - [http://www.youtube.com/user/tahirihrose#p/u/159/g74HrNbxd_E](http://www.youtube.com/user/tahirihrose#p/u/159/g74HrNbxd_E)
anticipation

• Turn on/off

• **Bye Bye Letters**

• Straw games:
  – [http://www.youtube.com/user/tahirihrose#p/u/172/28_HageUOBI](http://www.youtube.com/user/tahirihrose#p/u/172/28_HageUOBI)
corrections

- OOPS!
- Correcting Vocabulary (Not You Tube)
- http://www.youtube.com/user/tahirihrose#/p/u/163/uMb_w8Rmphl
bubbles

- Bubbles On Hand (not You Tube)
- http://www.youtube.com/user/tahirihrose#p/u/176/iUpyXZuE0bw
Route games

• Bop and jump
• Obstacle course

• http://www.youtube.com/profile?user=fatakw#p/u/24/eocwXOeSync
Learning to follow others’ leads

• Play act a movie
• Take turns with roles

• http://autismgames.blogspot.com/search/label/acting
• http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9gJMT2MbL4&feature=player_embedded#!
Drawing faces

• [Link to YouTube video](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHetSv5OKuY&feature=player_embedded)
cariboo

Alternative Link
• http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mc1H0aVqn20&feature=player_embedded#

• http://www.youtube.com/user/PhilCommander2#p/u/21/M1Vqlk_ZsHg
A Lucky Duck Book

Teaching Play to Children with Autism
Nicky Phillips
Liz Beavan

CD Rom
Printable worksheets

Building Healthy Minds
The Six Experiences that Create Intelligence and Emotional Growth in Babies and Young Children
Stanley Greenspan, M.D.
with Nancy Breslau Lewis

Embracing Play
Teaching Your Child with Autism
biac
Behavioral Intervention Association
A non-profit organization
with David Dornemanfield Productions
• Ozzy Osbourne: Crazy Train
  - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkvpzpImJhQ