

Learning at Home

CLEANING UP

Math

- Use a timer and give your child a time frame for cleaning up.
- Sort and pick up all of one item at a time. (blocks, crayons, etc.)

Vocabulary

- Discuss what it means to be **tidy**. What is the opposite of tidy?
- Talk about what the word **organize** means. Find one thing that your child can help you organize in the house.
- What does **helpful** mean? Let your child talk about all the ways he/she can be helpful around the house.
- Use appropriate cleaning terminology when cleaning up. (tidy, organize, etc.)

Most importantly...
HAVE FUN!

Books to Listen To

The Berenstain Bears and the Messy Room
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptshzmam_5s
How Do Dinosaurs Clean Up Their Room
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDuaK6l3tuA>

Discussion Topics

- Why do we need to pick up toys? (safety, keeps toys from being broken, less likely to get lost, etc.)

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Reading & Writing

Write or tell a short story about a toy that is in charge of making sure all the other toys are safe. Which toy would be in charge? What would that toy tell the others about staying safe?

Make it a Game

- **Divide the room in half** and have 1 child take each side – or *you* compete against your child! Clean your side as fast as possible, and whoever finishes first, wins!
- **The lava game** – Lay out some towels (or something the child/children can jump on) and pretend that the towels are safe, and everything else is lava! You have to clean the whole room without touching the “lava”
- **The guessing game** – Have 1 person leave the room (child 1), and while they’re gone, the other person (child 2) cleans up a set of toys (ex: all the blocks, all the balls, etc.). Call child 1 back in and have them try and guess what kid 2 put away!