Activities with Letter Tiles

Making Words: have your child make as many different words as he/she can. Each time a word is made, have the child write it on a sheet of paper. Have the child say the word as he/she is making it with letter tiles and when he/she writes the word.

Name Game – Have your child make names of family members and friends with the letter tiles. Have him/her read the names. Then mix up the letters and see what other words can be made from the letters.

Alphabetical Order – have your child put a set of lowercase letters in correct alphabetical order.

Making New Words – build several words and show the child how to change, add, or take away a letter or letters to make a new word. Examples are: *cat, can, man, men, met, tap, clap, claps, flaps, flips, flipped, slipped* (notice one letter changes each time to make the next new word).

Rhyming Pairs – make a word such as *cut.* Say the word and have the child say a rhyming word and make it with the letters below the first word.

Crossword Letters – you make a word, and then the child adds a word that starts from one of the letters. The word can go across or down.

Describing Words – make a describing word (*red, thin, cold*). Then have the child make a describing word and continue taking turns, making as many describing words as you can. Read the words.

* Can also do this with action words (verbs)

Adding Endings – Make an action word such as *read, sew, plant*. Invite the child to add as many different endings as possible (*reads, reading, reader; sew sewing, sews; plant, plants, planted, planting, planted*).

Changing Vowels – make a simple three-letter word. Ask the child to change the vowel to make a new word (for example: *cat, cut, cot; hop, hip; hat, hit, hot, hut*).