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“OFF THE SHELF”: Toys and Games to Build Speech and Language Skills in your Pre-School and Kindergarten Child

Expressive Vocabulary and Language Concepts:

“Opposites puzzle”, by Living and Learning
“Things that Go Together” puzzle, by Living and Learning
“Guess Who?”
“Secret Square”
“What’s Inside Ned’s Head?”
“Look and Find Lotto”, by Discovery Toys
Viewmaster
“Elefun”
“Charades for Kids”
“I Spy” books
“First Thousand Words” CD

Following Directions:

Easy Bake Oven
Bug Factory
“My First Science Kit”, by Scientific Explorer
“Clikits” (for girls)
“Legos”

Pre-Reading/Phonemic Awareness:

“Boggle Jr.”
“ABSeas”, by Discovery Toys
“Earrobics” CD-ROM (847)-328-8099
“Fridge Phonics Magnetic Letter Set”, by Leapster
“The Letter Factory Game” and the “Letter Factory” DVD, by Leapfrog
Leapster Multimedia Learning Center – “Reading with Phonics: Moles Huge Nose” and “Word Factory”
Rhyming Books (ex. Dr. Seuss)
Books with rhythm or repetition (ex. Eric Carle)
Sing Along CDs – “Time to Sing” by Robert Moises and Mary Sturm
Foam Letters for the tub or Magnetic Letters for the Fridge (use on cookie sheets too)

Oral Motor/ Speech Clarity:

Bubble Toys
Whistles – be sure to provide variety of shapes and sizes
Harmonica

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Kazoos

Straws – different widths, lengths and don't forget silly straws

Blo-Pens

Pretend Play:

Play foods – Fisher Price

Microwave oven

Cash Register – be sure to include funny money, “credit cards”

Puppets

Dress Up clothes – Target

Doctor Kit

Play Doh kits – look for kits that imitate daily activities (oven, refrigerator, tools)

Blocks, Legos– be sure to enhance/expland play through building towns, garages, roads,
bridges, add figurines, cars plants etc

Dolls – Loving Family by Fisher Price, Little People sets: great for practicing social
language

Books Books Books!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!