

Picture Me

Primary Objectives/Dimensions

12a. Recognizes and recalls

Why It's Important

Displaying photographs of friends and family members encourages your child's interest in communication. It also helps your child connect with friends and family members about their experiences and helps him make sense of his world.

Materials

Photographs of your child (photos with friends or relatives, pictures from a family trip or special event, etc.)

What You Do

1. Display pictures of your child, his sibling(s), friends, and other family members he can see them easily. Label each picture with the pictured person's name.
2. When you see your child looking at a picture, talk to him about what he sees. *Look at the picture of Edison. Edison is sleeping in this picture. And here is Emilia! Emilia is smiling in this picture. I see you are here in this picture with PopPop.*
3. Use the pictures to help your child develop and interest in books. *I see you looking at the picture of Joshua. He is holding a book in the picture. Books have pictures, too. Let's see what pictures we can find in this book.*
4. Talk to your child about pictures, print, and written communication throughout the day. Put words to pictures in books and read only a few meaningful words on each page. Try to find pictures and books that are relevant to your child. *Do you see the picture of the cat? You have a cat at home, don't you? She says meow!*