Ready to Learn Funstuff

Read

Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons
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Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons is a fun book to use to introduce math to your child and to help teach your child another early literacy skill - print awareness.

Print Awareness is
- noticing print
- following print from left to right when reading
- handling a book

The following are ways to help your child with this skill:
- Turn the book upside down and ask your child if that is the way we read it. Show your child how to hold a book while reading. Ask him/her to help turn the pages.
- Point out the author and illustrator of the book.
- Use your finger or a pointer to point to the words on the page as you read them.

View

You will need:
- Pete the Cat Activity Sheet (provided)
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue

Parents, ask your child to color the circles, rectangle and cat face, for the Reading Pointer/Bookmark. Cut apart the pieces. Ask your child to glue the cat face and buttons down the rectangle (see above example). Read the book again using the Reading Pointer and point to the words as you read.

Do

Make Pete the Cat Reading Pointer/Bookmark

You will need:
- Pete the Cat Activity Sheet (provided)
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue

Parents, ask your child to color the shirt and buttons. Cut apart the buttons and Pete the Cat’s song card. Place all the buttons on the shirt. Read the song beginning with 4 buttons. Take one away. Ask your child to help you count how many buttons are left. Repeat the song and take away another button. You could also change it up to add buttons… Buttons, Buttons, I need new buttons, Buttons, Buttons, I need new buttons. I put one on and now I have one button, I add one and now I have two buttons……