



Power up for Kindergarten!



Core 4 Skill



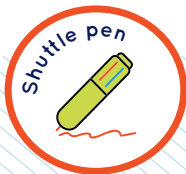
Solving Problems

Children solve problems through puzzles, finding more than one way to do something and working through challenges. These can be social problems too! This skill helps build grit and persistence.

What's in this Play Kit?

This month's box is all about different problems and ways to solve them! Kiddos are naturally creative and can come up with all sorts of solutions to problems, but they may need some coaching to do so. Problems can be simple like finding ways to stick velcro together or can be more complex like finding the words to ask for help. The tools in this month's play kit provide ways for your kiddo to build problem solving skills through play, every day!

Support your kiddo as they explore, imagine and build persistence using these materials:



Looking for more ways and places to play?

Check out our social media for ideas and connect with others as well.

Activities

Sticky notes



Writing in small spaces can be tricky! Sticky notes can also help your kiddo learn how to orient their letter writing, because the “sticky” part can change how the paper hangs on the wall or the table. Encourage your child to work from left to right when writing meaningful words and drawing.



Say: What happens if I hang this note upside down on the wall? Can we still read it?

Let's built it!

Using the sticky dots on the craft sticks can create a fun puzzle for your kiddo. Help your child stick the dots on the craft sticks and connect the rough and smooth parts of the velcro. Use the sticks to build shapes or letters!

Say: How can we use the sticks to make the letters for your name?



It's not a box, it's a...



Encourage your child to tear apart the box from the play kit, along with any other boxes you may have to create something new! Use the scissors carefully from the last play kit to cut paper to decorate the box and tape pieces together to create something new.



Say: I wonder what your box could be next!

Puzzling pictures

Invite your child to create pictures using the shape stickers. You can make pictures like houses or fish by combining shapes or start a pattern and ask your kiddo to finish it.

Say: How can you use the shapes to make something new?



Solution starters

Finding solutions to social problems can be challenging. If a kiddo could just “use their words,” they would! Coach your child to find solutions by saying “Let me help you find the words” instead.

Say: What solutions have you tried? What solution starter could help?