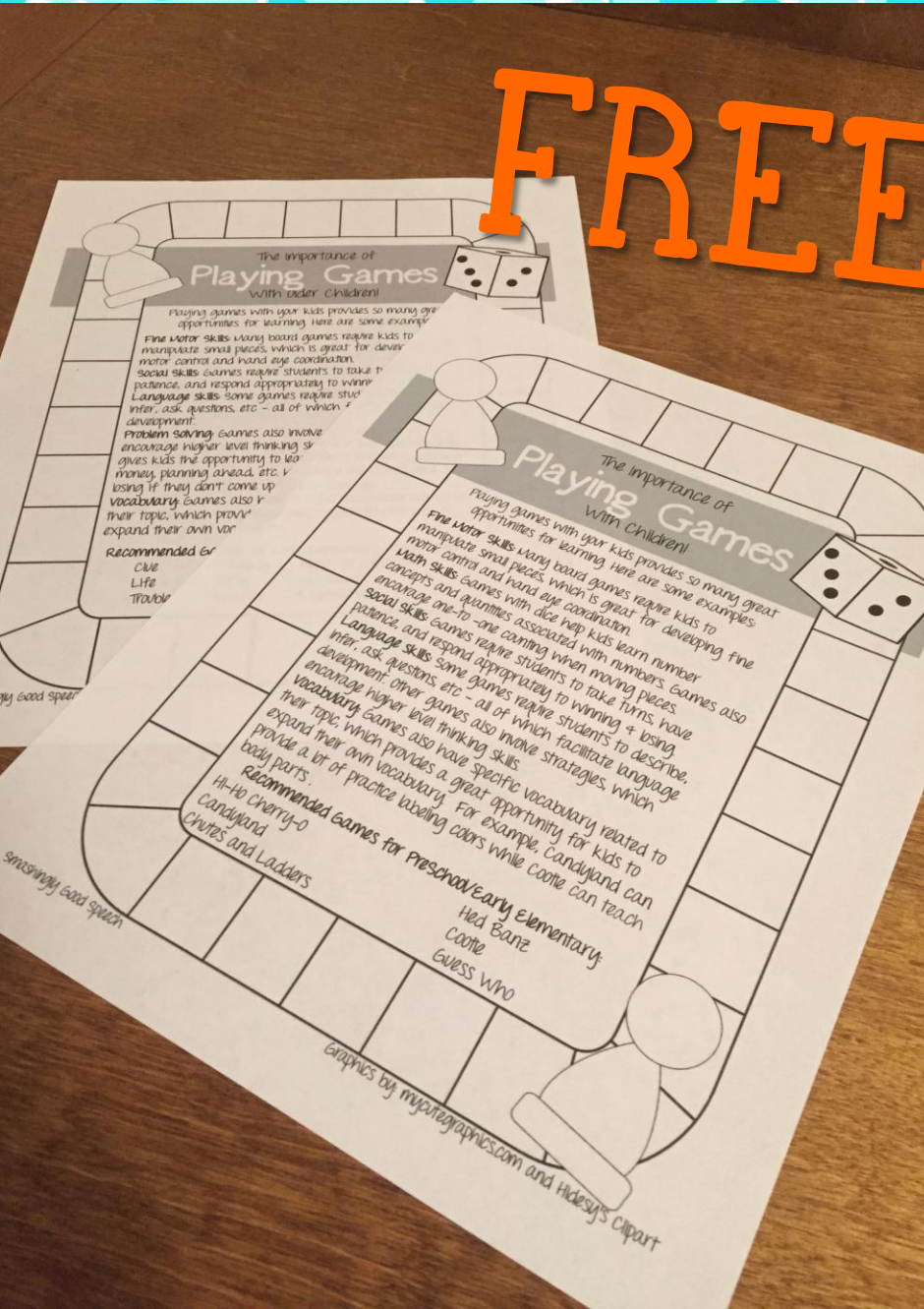


Importance of Playing Games Parent Handouts for Preschool/ Early Elementary and Late Elementary/Middle School Students.

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The Importance of Playing Games With Children!

Playing games with your kids provides so many great opportunities for learning. Here are some examples:

Fine Motor Skills: Many board games require kids to manipulate small pieces, which is great for developing fine motor control and hand eye coordination.

Math Skills: Games with dice help kids learn number concepts and quantities associated with numbers. Games also encourage one-to-one counting when moving pieces.

Social Skills: Games require students to take turns, have patience, and respond appropriately to winning & losing.

Language Skills: Some games require students to describe, infer, ask questions, etc - all of which facilitate language development. Other games also involve strategies, which encourage higher level thinking skills.

Vocabulary: Games also have specific vocabulary related to their topic, which provides a great opportunity for kids to expand their own vocabulary. For example, Candyland can provide a lot of practice labeling colors while Cootie can teach body parts.

Recommended Games for Preschool/Early Elementary:

Hi-Ho Cherry-O

Candyland

Chutes and Ladders

Hed Banz

Cootie

Guess Who





The Importance of Playing Games With Older Children!

Playing games with your kids provides so many great opportunities for learning. Here are some examples:

Fine Motor Skills: Many board games require kids to manipulate small pieces, which is great for developing fine motor control and hand eye coordination.

Social Skills: Games require students to take turns, have patience, and respond appropriately to winning & losing.

Language skills: Some games require students to describe, infer, ask questions, etc - all of which facilitate language development.

Problem Solving: Games also involve strategies, which encourage higher level thinking skills. For example, Monopoly gives kids the opportunity to learn about budgeting, counting money, planning ahead, etc. Kids face the consequence of losing if they don't come up with a strategy.

Vocabulary: Games also have specific vocabulary related to their topic, which provides a great opportunity for kids to expand their own vocabulary.

Recommended Games for Late Elementary/Middle School:

Clue	Monopoly	Apples to Apples Jr
Life	Sorry	Hed Banz
Trouble	Scrabble	5 Second Rule Jr