Children learn through play and active exploration. Many toys and games can encourage learning and develop skills in planning and sequencing, eye-hand coordination, visual perception, concept development and fine motor control. These suggestions may be helpful in choosing appropriate toys for the holidays, birthdays and other special times. They include sensory based activities to provide organizing sensation and encourage the development of body awareness, as well as games to encourage the development of specific skills and language concepts. Approximate ages or skill levels have been given to help guide your choices. Many items can be purchased at toy stores or through the catalogues listed. Ask your occupational or speech therapist for help in deciding which games or toys are the best choices for your child.

**Games to Develop Coordination, Problem Solving and Visual Perception:**

**Younger Ages (3-6 years)**

- 3D Labyrinth
- Animal Soup Game (Learning Express)
- Ants in the Pants
- Bouncin' Bunnies (Highlights)
- Buckaroo
- Cadoo & Balloon Lagoon
- Charades for Kids
- Colorforms Dress-up Game (Therapro)
- Cootie
- Cranium Hullabaloo
- Don't Break the Ice
- Don't Spill the Beans
- Elefun
- Finders Keepers (Mindware)
- Fishin’ Around
- Gobbler (Learning Express)
- Gnip Gnop (Highlights, Back to Basics, Young Explorers)
- Hidden Picture Game (Highlights)
- Honey Bee Tree (Back to Basics, Highlights, Leaps & Bounds)
- Hungry Hungry Hippos
- I Spy Bingo (Learning Express)
- I Spy Memory Game (Learning Express, Young Explorers)
- Lucky Ducks
- Memory Game
- Monkeying Around (Young Explorers)
- Mr. Mouth
- Poppa’s Pizza Pile-up (Hearthsong)
- Poppin Puzzlers (Learning Express)
- Pop up Pirates (Learning Express)
- Race to the Roof (Young Explorers)
- Silly Faces (Therapro)
- Very Hungry Caterpillar Game (Young Explorers)
- Whack a Mole
- Zimbbos (Learning Express)

**Older Kids (7 and up)**

- Aftershock! (Learning Express)
- Amazing Labyrinth Game (Sensational Kids, Discovery Toys)
- Batik (Mindware)
- Battling Tops
- Battleship
- Blink (Learning Express)
- Blokus (Mindware, Highlights)
- Bulls Eye Ball
- Connect Four
- Cover Your Tracks (Thinkfun Games)
- Cranium Cadoo
- Guess Who/ Guess Where
- Jenga
- Kerplunk/ Tumble
- Launch Across
- Mancala
- Mastermind
- Monster Under My Bed (Young Explorers, Learning Express)
- Mousetrap
- Operation/ Dino Xcavator (Sensational Beginnings)
- Perfection
- Pipeline (Learning Express, Mindware)
- Raging Rapids (Think Fun)
- River Crossing (Think Fun)
- Rebound
- Rummikub
- Rush Hour (Think Fun) (Learning Express, Mindware)
- Scavenger Hunt for Kids (Young Explorers)
- Screwball Scramble (Young Explorers)
- Simon Trickster
- Squeezed Out (Back to Basics) / Hens & Chicks (Hearthsong)
- Thin Ice
- Twister
- What’s in Ned’s Head? (Young Explorers)
- Zig Zag
- Zitternix Game (Hearthsong)
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Activities that Develop Eye-Hand Coordination and Visual-Spatial Planning:

**Visual Control Eye-Hand Coordination:**

- Air Puck Hockey
- Alfredo’s Food Fight (Learning Express)
- Balanko Game (Highlights)
- Beamo Flying Disc (Learning Express)
- Bean Bag Games
- Bucket Blast Game (Hearthsong)
- Dodge Discs (Learning Express)
- Flip Flop Faces (Discovery Toys)
- Hammer Away (Discovery Toys)
- Hopscotch Mat (Highlights)
- Hyper Dash (Learning Express)
- Infinity Loop (Integrations)
- Junior Swing Ball (Young Explorers)
- Kids Croquet (Toys to Grow on)
- Monster Velcro Mitts (Toy Box)
- Nerf Basketball Hoop
- Paddle Pool (Learning Express, Highlights)
- Rack ‘n’ Roll Bowl (Highlights)
- Remote Control Car
- Safety Dart Board (Learning Express, Hearthsong)

**Constructional Building Activities:**

- Aeroblos (Highlights, Integrations)
- Block Buddies (Mindware)
- Bright Builders (Discovery Toys)
- Build and Play Mechanic Set (Discount School Supply)
- Cast & Paint: Krazy Cars with Blo Pens (Toys R Us)
- Colorforms (Sensational Kids, Back to Basics)
- Delta Sand (Hearthsong)
- Design & Drill Activity (Leaps & Bounds)
- E-Z Build & Play (Constructive Playthings)
- Floam or Play Foam
- Gearations (Leap & Bounds)
- Giant Constructive Blocks (Constructive Playthings)
- Legos/Duplos
- Lincoln Logs (Back to Basics)
- Magz Construction Set (Back to Basics, Hearthsong)
- Magnetic Mosaics (Highlights, Toys to Grow On)
- Marbleworks (Discovery Toys)
- Maze-n-Race (Realfun)
- Mix & Match Motors (Discovery Toys)
- Models for Beginners (Toys to Grow on)
Activities that Develop Eye-Hand Coordination and Visual-Spatial Planning (continued):

**Visual Control/ Eye-Hand Coordination:**
- Target Tail Ball (Hearthsong, Highlights)
- Toss Across
- Whistling Whirler (Discovery Toys)
- Zoom Ball

**Constructional Building Activities:**
- Oogly Googly Motorized Building Set (Young Explorers)
- Peg-a-Plane (Lauri)
- Playmobil
- Quatro Bucket (Lego)
- Super Shapes (Constructive Playthings)
- Zoob (Mindware)

**To Support Fine Motor Development and Writing:**

**Pre-Writing Skills (Ages 3-5)**
- Art Kits (crayons, paints, etc.)/ Easels
- Brush on Washable Painters (Toys to Grow On)
- Colorforms (Hearthsong, Back to Basics)
- Creative Clay (Back to Basics, Hearthsong)
- Cranium Cariboo
- Crayola Beginnings
- Crayola Trace & Draw (Sears)
- Dressing Dolls/ Woodkins
- Dot Art (Learning Express)
- Fine Motor Kit (South Shore Therapies)
- Magnetic Art (Leaps & Bounds, Learning Express)
- Pattern Block Set (Young Explorer)
- Playdoh/ Silly Putty/Theraputty (Therapro)
- Playful Patterns (Discovery Toys)
- Ready to Print Practice Books (Toys to Grow on)
- Roll on Painters (Toys to Grow on)
- Sand Art
- Scratch Magic (Young Explorer)
- Squiggle Writer Pen (Therapro)
- Stencil Kit (Hearthsong)
- Tickle Bee Game (Hearthsong, Back to Basics)
- Water Filled Drawing Mats
- Wiggle Writer (Toys to Grow on, Therapro)
- Zingo
- Zoo Sticks (Hearthsong)

**Drawing & Writing Skills (Ages 6 and older)**
- Activity Book (Hearthsong)
- Arts & Crafts Projects (Hearthsong, Toys to Grow On)
- Color-in Tattoos
- Etch-a-Sketch
- EZ Art Projector (Constructive Playthings)
- Legos
- Magna Doodle
- Mazes
- Peel & Stick Collage Boards (Constructive Playthings)
- Pictionary Junior/ Pictionary
- Pop Bead People (Klutz)
- Puzzlenecka (Highlights)
- Roller Typing (Discovery Toys)
- Shrinky Dinks
- Spirograph
- Suncatcher Kit (Highlights)
- Stain Glass Coloring Book (Mindware)
- Trace & Draw Projector (Toys to Grow on)
- Wikki Stix Activity Set (Learning Express)
- Window Art (Young Explorers)
- Window Decorating Paints (Hearthsong)
- Zip-Track (Discovery Toys)

**Games to Develop Speech and Language Skills:**

**Infant and Toddler**
- Fisher Price Laugh and Learn Shop and Learn Walker:
- Fisher Price Learning Letters Mailbox:
- Fisher Price Laugh and Learn Learning Puppy:
- Fisher Price Amazing Animals Press & Go Animal Parade:
- Fisher Price Laugh and Learn Cookie Shape Surprise:
- Playskool Explore N Grow Busy Ball Popper

**Early Childhood**
- Animal Scramble Game
- Feel and Find Game
- Fisher Price Laugh and Learn Say Please Tea Set
- Fisher Price Little People Play Sets
- Hide & Seek Safari (monkey or tiger with wand)
- Kids on Stage Game
- Lego’s and Lego Kits
- Zingo

**School Age**
- Apples to Apples Kids Edition
- Computer Problem Solving Games:
  - Freddi Fish Series (ages 3-8)
  - Putt-Putt Series (ages 3-8)
  - Spy Fox Series (ages 3-8)
- Don’t Say It!
- Guess Who and Guess Where Games
- Hide & Seek Safari (monkey or tiger with wand)
- I Spy Games (board and computer)
- Kids on Stage Game
- Lego’s and Lego Kits
- Mad Gab Game
- Magnatiles
- Mystery Garden Game
- Race to the Roof Game
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Below is a list of the catalogue resources sited on this list. Other Resources for choosing toys and therapeutic activities can be found in the Parent Resource Box at South Shore Therapies. There you can find a more complete listing of companies providing therapeutic activities to support intervention.

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