

Ready, Set, Go!

Benefits for Your Child:

- Organizes belongings
- Knows where to find things

As children are involved in deciding where their belongings go, they can find, use, and return items to the proper place so they can find and use them again later. This develops a sense of ownership and responsibility.

Kindergarten Connection:

In kindergarten everything will have a specific place. Baskets, shelves, and objects will be labeled to guide children to put things where they belong. Children will be responsible for their environment.



Book List

Swimmy by Leo Lionni.

A little black fish in a school of red fish figures out a plan for safety.

The Tortoise and the Hare: An Aesop's Fable by Angela McAllister.

The hare shows off against the tortoise's sharp mind and determination.

Bubble Bath Pirates by Jarrett J. Krosoczka.

Pirate mommy announces bath time and to the bath it is for her little pirates.



Tips:

- If your child's drawings do not look like the contents, keep in mind that the labels need to make sense to your child, not necessarily to you.
- The pictures you use can be hand-drawn or cut from a magazine or a photograph of the actual item.
- There are many ways to label: use sticky labels, tape a piece of paper, or use sticky tack or a string to attach the label.
- Use this idea in other areas of your home.
- Take out some items and have your child practice putting them back in the correct place. Make this fun.
- Include variations like racing against a timer.
- Make a picture or poster to represent where things belong.

More Ideas:

With your child, explore the things in his/her closet, dresser drawers, or shelves. Have him/her tell you what belongs where. Together, decide what should go in each area. Label with pictures and words so that he/she remembers what goes where.

What Goes Where?

Materials

- Paper, stickers, labels or tags
- Adhesive, tape, or string

