

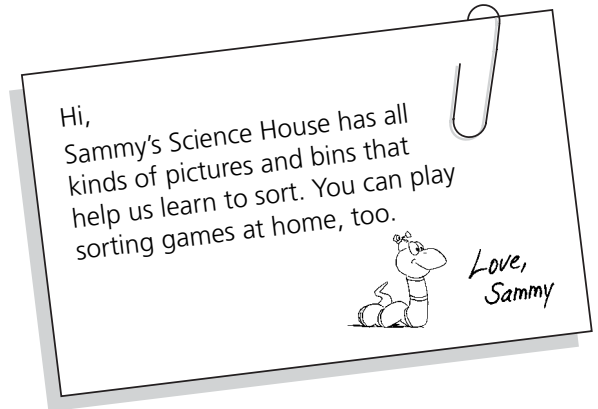


Sorting Station Together Time

Groceries Galore

On a trip to the grocery store, your child can sort items as you place them in the cart. For a young child, use simple categories such as cans in the back of the cart and boxes in the front of the cart. Other items can go on the lower shelf of the cart. An older child may be able to sort fruits, vegetables, dairy products, meats, etc.

Your child can sort again as you unpack the groceries at home. This time, sort items that go in the refrigerator, items that go in the cupboard, items that go in the freezer, etc.



Magnetic Sorting

Note: Because this activity involves small objects, close supervision is advised.

A magnet and the contents of a “junk drawer” can provide an interesting rainy day sorting activity for your child. Designate an area for items that are attracted to the magnet and an area for items that are not attracted to the magnet. Let your child test and sort the items. If you don't have a “junk drawer,” gather objects from around your house (paper clip, eraser, rubber band, button, different types of cans, nail, spoon, coins, cloth, pencil, pen, plastic bottle, paper, etc.). Do not use magnets to test video tapes, computer equipment and disks, clocks, watches, or televisions.

