LEARNING AND THINKING

What to look for

Your child…

✔ Can match two pictures that are alike
✔ Can tell things that go together (a spoon and a fork, a fish and a boat)
✔ Can match, recognize and name circle, square, and triangle
✔ Can match, recognize and name at least 5 colors
✔ Can repeat a pattern you start (step, step, jump – step, step, jump)
✔ Can put 3 pictures in order (1. Planting flower seeds; 2. Flowers growing; 3. Picking flowers)
✔ Can work simple puzzles

To encourage your child’s learning and thinking skills:

★ Collect real objects that go together: shoe/sock, hammer/nail.
★ Involve your child in putting pictures in order. You can use photos of your child at different ages, or pictures cut from a magazine.
★ Let your child help you fold laundry. Your child can match socks and other clothes by color or size.
★ Play “shapes” and “sizes” games with your child. Use coins, cut-out shapes, and other objects from around the house.
★ Have simple puzzles available for your child to play with. Make puzzles by cutting up greeting cards or the front of a cereal box into puzzle-shaped pieces.