



# Word Smart



Toys	Playtime with MILO book	Goals	Introduction to MILO and his toys Identification of pictures
Objectives	Understanding of words, concepts and memory Improving development of new vocabulary through rhyme Understanding action words (play, throw, count, color, match, read, etc.) Improving fine motor skills of “book righting” (turning pages from left to right)		
Play Strategies/Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read the book to the child a few times before introducing MILO’s pockets.</li><li>• Point to the action words and say them with emphasis.</li><li>• When the child becomes more familiar with the book, leave off the last rhyming word of each sentence and have the child fill it in.</li><li>• After you have read the book, have the child look back through the book to view the pictures. Discuss the pictures. Ask, “What toy would you like to play with?” and then introduce MILO and his picture pockets.</li></ul> <p><b>If you notice a strength in this area:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take the child to the library, borrow books together. Keep books in their room, the playroom, and the car. Help the child create a book about him/herself with photos or drawings. Write about their daily routine.</li></ul>		