

## 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.