

February 3-We will make our own Lotto game. Picture lotto is a terrific game! After we master simple matching skills we will invent some variations. The caller turns one card over and announces what card she has: "I have a bird. Does anyone have a bird on their board?" This allows us to practice our new vocabulary. We are bringing our game home to play with you.

Three is the perfect age to begin playing board games and card games with your child—especially if you like these kinds of games, too. Board and card games help teach your child about aspiration, success, and disappointment. We'll gain experience with both winning and losing—and learn that no matter what the result, next time we try we'll begin again with a clean slate. Games also give us the opportunity to teach about rules, about integrity and honesty, and about luck. Games can help increase our ability to focus our attention. Playing board or card games also is a very social occasion. Game playing enables and encourages us to practice important social skills that we will need to play well with other children.

February 10- We will make our own Don't Wake the Shark Game! Nearly all games, involve taking turns, sharing dice or a spinner, waiting for your turn, patience, and learning how to be a good sport. (We emphasize the fun of game as much as possible, rather than focusing on "who is winning.")

February 24- Our LEGO Game gives us the opportunity to sharpen certain academic skills. We use the LEGO game to practice number identification. Our games involve either counting or color matching. Making our own games is a great way to build new skills. These are a few of our favorite games with no reading required: Hi-Ho Cherry-O

Come play with us this month, Mrs. Craft and Mrs. Dominy cheryllcraft@msn.com