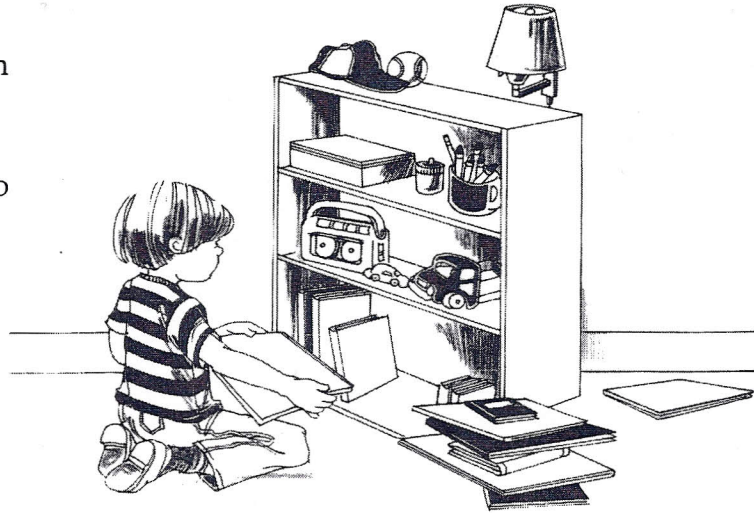


## BOOK LINE-UP

Let your child help you organize a bookshelf with this ordering activity.

- 1) Clear a shelf of a low bookcase.
- 2) Place books of various heights in a pile next to the bookcase.
- 3) Have your child arrange the books on the shelf from tallest to shortest or from shortest to tallest.



## MEASURING WITH YARN

This math activity will help your child begin to learn about measurements.

- 1) Cut a piece of yarn about 12 inches long.
- 2) Let your child use the yarn piece to "measure" the lengths, widths, or heights of furniture pieces such as tables or chairs.
- 3) Ask questions such as these: "How many yarn pieces high is the table? How many yarn pieces long is the rug?"

**ANOTHER IDEA:** Cut pieces of yarn the exact width (or other dimension) of objects in the room, such as a table, a bookcase, and a TV set. Help your child discover which pieces fit which objects.

## ALIKE AND DIFFERENT

Classification activities like this one help your child develop thinking skills.

- 1) On a table, place five or six common objects, such as a key, a pencil, a book, a box, and a rubber ball.
- 2) Ask your child to notice the sizes, shapes, materials, and colors of the objects.
- 3) Have your child tell you how the objects are alike and how they are different.



**AGE VARIATION:** For younger children, ask direct questions such as: "Which objects are the same color? Which object is a toy? Which objects are not toys?"