

Games

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Board and card games provide opportunities for children to practice social and self-regulation skills, follow directions, ask questions, and be included and present in a mutually enjoyable activity. By having a special day (when it was too cold to be outside for more than a few minutes), children had the chance to bring in a game of their choice.

Children were invited to bring a game from home and to share it with their classmates. We observed confident and happy faces of the children who shared their games with their classmates.

Friends were leaders and followers. They gave and followed directions. They practiced breaking down the steps of the game, and practiced sequencing as they explained the rules. Other children enjoyed learning from their peers. They learned to share in a new way. They observed, and moved from cards to matching to Bingo. They were fully engaged for 30-40 minutes!