

The Pencil and Eraser

Learning from Mistakes

What You Will Need:

- Paper
- A Pencil with an eraser
- Crayons or markers

***Parent Tip**

Avoid saying "That's wrong." Instead, say, "Let's try it another way." This positive language reinforces progress over perfection and helps parents feel more capable and confident in supporting their child's learning journey.

How to Do the Activity

1. Start the Conversation

- a. Show your child a pencil and ask: "What is this used for?" "What is the eraser for?"

2. Explain the Lesson

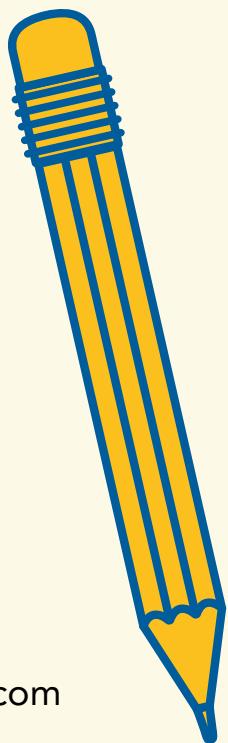
- a. Say: "The eraser reminds us that everyone makes mistakes, and we are allowed to fix them and keep going."

3. Draw, Erase, and Try Again

- a. Ask your child to draw a circle using the pencil. After they finish, say: "You did a great job! Let's see if we can make the circle a little bigger."
- b. Invite your child to use the eraser and try again. Emphasize that erasing and trying again is part of learning, not a mistake.

4. Make the Connection

- Explain: "Just like we use an eraser on a pencil, we can fix mistakes by learning, apologizing, or trying again."
- Close with an Affirmation
- Say together: "Mistakes help me learn and grow."



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