Activities for Developing Position in Space

Development of Position in Space is still another important skill for children to develop at the primary level. Developing Position in Space means “seeing objects in relation to spatial directions such as right, left, in front, behind, below, above, etc.” This skill is necessary for telling the difference between b and d, p and g, was and saw, 42 and 24, 66 and 99, 96 and 69, and being able to read a word on a page in a left to right progression.

Following are some activities you could work with your child at home in order to help him/her develop greater proficiency at seeing positions in space.

- Have your child copy your movements, as in “Simon Says” or “Do This, Do That”
- Practice walking around an object to the left, then to the right
- Slide sideways together - to the left, to the right, etc.
- Do “funny walking” - left hand and left foot forward together, then right hand and right foot together, etc.
- Move an object where you tell him/her to - i.e. left, right, up, down, forward, backward, etc.
- Watch to see if your child has trouble with depth perception - does your child rub his/her eyes constantly? Does s/he complain of visual fatigue during printing or drawing activities? Does s/he complain of blurry vision? Of seeing double? Of objects “bouncing” off the page? If so, you may want to have his/her eyes checked by a regular or developmental optometrist, or by a pediatrician