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WHAT CAN YOU DO AT HOME?

Use the attached form to write down observations of your child at home. These recorded observations can help you know when to introduce new information and what types of activities are at an appropriate level for your child's learning skills. There is one parent anecdotal sheet per unit based on the literacy curriculum used in the classroom. When the sheet is complete, return it to your child's teacher and she will add it to his or her portfolio. This will provide an even more complete picture of your preschool child! Additional copies are available if you would like more than one per unit. Just ask your child's teacher for more!

Hints for recording anecdotes:

- ◆ *Always include the date of the observation.*
- ◆ *Record exactly what you see or what your child says.*

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