

## Target Ball—Problem Solving

### What the Research Says

- Problem Solving is the foundation of early learning.
- Problem solving is a major focus in math today. For preschoolers this means letting them explore and experiment and observe.
- Introducing children to different challenges helps them learn that there are many different ways to solve a problem.
- In problem solving, children apply concepts as they work at finding answers to questions they raise or find on their own. Problem solving involves the ability to think through an issue in order to find a possible solution.
- In addition to math, problem solving builds language and social skills such as working together, taking turns, and following directions.