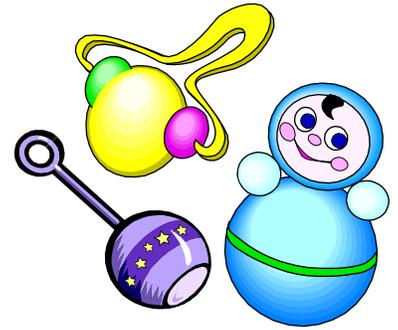




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ADULT RESOURCES

**Baby Games: The Joyful Guide
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ACTIVITY NOTEBOOK

EVERYDAY THINGS

Welcome to the Baby Box *Everyday Things* Kit. Our target age group is birth to three year olds. Have fun reading aloud and exploring these books with the babies in your care. There are activities, finger plays, and teacher guides to help you. Also, take a look at the general information sheet on the inside cover of this notebook. ENJOY!

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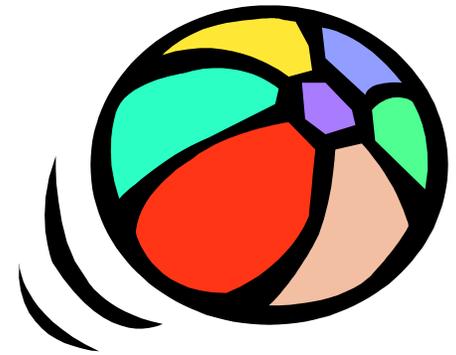
-Fun and Games-

STACK AND SORT

It's easy to make games out of everyday objects. Babies love to take things out and (sometimes) put them back. You can give a young baby (six months to 9 months) a container (cloth bag, basket, Rubbermaid tub, etc.) full of almost anything (rolled up socks, blocks, ping pong balls, clothes pins, sponge cubes, etc.) and they will enjoy emptying it out. Try getting the child to also put things back. Maybe they're even ready to sort (socks in one and blocks in another). Show a child how to drop clothespins into a large plastic cup. Does s/he imitate you? Does s/he shake the cup with to hear the sound it makes?

PLAYING IN THE BAND

You can find lots of fun drums and rhythm instruments in your kitchen. Drums: Pots, Tupperware containers with lids, empty formula cans with lids. Drumsticks: Wooden spoons (wrap them in duct tape to diminish the sound), unsharpened pencils with rubber erasers glued on. Shakers: sealed plastic containers filled with popcorn, rice, etc. As you recite nursery rhymes, sing songs, or read books with a beat, use the instruments to tap or shake out a beat. See if the children are able to follow along.



BABY GAMES: THE JOYFUL GUIDE TO CHILD'S PLAY FROM BIRTH TO THREE YEARS

The adult resource in this kit has so many wonderful ideas for ways to play with a baby. The ideas are both fun and educational. Chapters are arranged according to age and go from "birth to three months" to "thirty to thirty-six months." Each chapter has ideas for Movement (Knee Rides p. 22, Ankle rides p. 34), Changing games (Shoe the Old Horse p. 36), Music (Drums p. 37, Shakers p. 38), Art Activities (Jello painting p. 51), Word Play (Write a Story Together p. 95), Indoor Games (Blow out the Flashlight p. 68), and Outdoor games (Frozen Bubbles p. 84, Make a Waterslide p. 118). Almost every activity can be accomplished with items you already have in your home or center. This book is a great resource for all of the songs and rhymes alone; it's a huge bonus to have ideas and recipes for play and art as well.

TODDLERS ON PARADE: MUSICAL EXERCISES FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

Each song on this CD has an activity that goes along with it. The CD booklet explains how to get the children involved as they listen. For example: they can make animal noises with "Gifts for Mommy"; they stretch and identify body parts with "Reach for the Ceiling"; they can walk, jump and run with "Little Bunny Foo-Foo." The children will have fun while they exercise and get out the wiggles.



BABY'S BATH

Traditional

Baby's ready for her bath.
 Here's the baby's tub,
Make circle with arms.
 Here's the baby's washcloth,
Hold hand up, palm flat.
 See how she can scrub.
Pretend to rub face.
 Here's the baby's cake of soap,
Make fist.
 And here's the towel dry,
Hold hands flat, thumbs touching.
 And here's the baby's cradle
Make imaginary cradle and rock back and forth.
 Rock-a-baby bye.

- Fingerplays and Action Rhymes

WHERE IS BABY? SCARF GAME

To the tune of Frere Jacques

Where is (insert your name here)?
 Where is ____"____?
 Here I am.
 Here I am.
 I'm so glad to see you!
 I'm so glad to see you!
 Peekaboo! I see you!

Cover your head with scarf
 "
Pull off scarf (or get baby to)
 "
Point to baby on you
 "
Play peekaboo

Where is Baby? Where is Baby?
 There s/he is! There s/he is!
 I'm so glad to see you.
 I'm so glad to see you.
 Peekaboo! I see you!

Cover baby's head with scarf
Uncover baby's head
Point to baby on you
 "
Play peekaboo

WHERE IS IT? SCARF GAME

To the tune of "Where oh Where has my Little Dog Gone"

Oh where, oh where
 has my (your) little foot* gone
 Oh where, oh where
 Can it be?
 Is it under here?
 Is it under here?
 Oh where oh where can it be

Cover your foot or baby's foot with scarf

Lift up scarf little by little

Remove cloth to reveal foot

*Change foot to hand, knee, teddy bear, rubber ducky, etc.

THIS IS A BABY READY FOR A NAP

Traditional

This is a baby ready for a nap.
 Lay him down in his mother's lap.
 Cover him up so he won't peep.
 Rock him till he's fast asleep.

Hold up index finger
Place in palm of other hand
Wrap fingers around it
Rock finger back and forth



Baby Box Everyday Things Theme Kit

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