

Preschool Baby Box FRIENDS



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BEYOND THE KITS-STORYTIME HANDBOOK Welcome to the Baby Box *Friends* 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!

Related Activities

FOR YOU: a copy of these activities is available in back of this notebook.

-Fun and Games-

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS *

Starting a new year in school or daycare can be traumatic. Help include new and continuing children into your program by making a "circle of friends". Give each child a pre-cut hand shape from white or colored construction paper. You can make a pattern by tracing around your hand or a child's hand. Children decorate hand print in their own way with crayons, varn, glitter, buttons and markers. Be sure to write or attach names. Build a circle on the wall, door or window by placing the finished hand prints in a wreath-like circle. This activity can be done by children of all ages.



FRIENDLY TALK

Getting to know the names and faces of the other children in daycare is one way to introduce the concept of friends to babies. Ask the children to point out their friends by asking, "Where's Bobby?" "Where's _____?", etc. This can be done with pictures on a bulletin board or in a book as well.

BABY AND TODDLER LEARNING FUN

The adult resource in this kit explains the importance of play to a child's development. It also gives instructions on how you can make your own toys and use them to interact with your children. The toys and activities are separated into five categories: Self-Awareness, Colors, Letters, Numbers, Shapes and Reading. The toy described on page 90 would fit perfectly with the "Friends" theme. It describes how to make a book titled, "My Friends" with a photo album, index cards, photographs and markers or crayons.

The nice thing about this book is that it shows you how to make simple, inexpensive "toys" to perfectly teach some of the concepts babies are ready to learn.

*Activity courtesy of the Early Childhood Office of the Seattle Public Library.

-Fingerplays and Action Rhymes-

FROM WIBBLETON TO WOBBLETON

This video will teach you lap rhymes, finger plays, songs and lullabies to use with your children. Watch the video and participate a few times and soon you'll know them by heart.

THE MORE WE GET TOGETHER

Traditional Song

The more we get together, together, together,

The more we get together the happier we'll be!

For your friends are my friends and my friends are your friends.

The more we get together The happier we'll be.

GALLOPING CHANT

Bounce child on knee

Galloping, galloping, galloping, How fast my pony can go, When s/he's tired we'll go home, Slow, slow, slow.



THUMBKIN

To the tune of Frere Jacques

Where is Thumbkin? Where is Thumbkin? Here I am!

Here I am!

How are you today, sir? Very well, I thank you. Run away, run away

Nod one thumb

Nod other thumb

Hide one hand and then the other

Bring out one hand with thumb up

Bring out other hand with thumb up

Start with hands behind back

JACK AND JILL

Traditional

Sit on the floor, legs out in front of you with baby on your knees.

Jack and Jill went up the hill To fetch a pail of water Jack fell down And broke his crown And Jill came tumbling after Raise knees up as if going up a hill

Lower knees and baby to floor

Tickle hands from baby's feet to chin



ONE LITTLE BABY

Traditional

One little baby
Rocking in a tree.
Two little babies
Splashing in the sea
Three little babies
Crawling on the floor.
Four little babies
Banging on the door.
Five little babies
Playing hide and seek
Keep your eyes closed tight now
Until I say...peek!

Hold up one finger.
Rock in palm of other hand.
Hold up two fingers.
Splash hands.
Hold up three fingers.
Crawl fingers along floor or knee
Hold up four fingers.
Pound fists on imaginary door.
Hold up five fingers.
Cover up your eyes

Throw hands away from eyes on peek!

TWO LITTLE FRIENDS Traditional

Two little friends are better than one

And three are better than two And four are much better still. Just think! What four little friends can do! Hold up 2 fingers on one hand and 1 finger on other hand. Hold up 3 fingers and 2 fingers. Hold up 4 fingers on one hand. Wiggle them happily!

Friends Baby Kit

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