Early Childhood Distance Learning Materials



Infants
Week #2

April 27th-May 1st, 2020



DIRECTIONS FOR EACH DAY THIS WEEK: The goal is to do 5 activities, one in each area. After you complete an activity, color in the box to show it's done. The goal is to have a blackout by the end of the week, with every box colored in. Get ready...Get Set...LEARN!

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Literacy	Exercise	Arts	Regulation	Numbe rs
Read 5 minutes with your child.	Do some Parent and Me yoga	Make your own infant safe paint	Make a rain shaker	Have your child play with different size containers
Read to your child and their favorite stuffed animal or baby	Have your child do tummy time	Do a hand print or foot print art project	Practice STAR breathing. Smile, Take a deep breath, and Relax. Fill up your belly like a balloon and slowly let it out. Do this 3 times	Walk around the house and talk about the different shapes things are
Let your baby explore a book by feeling it, putting it in their mouth, or patting it	Create an obstacle course in your home and have your child practice crawling or walking through it.	Find a spot in your house to display all your awesome artwork	Recognize that your child communicates their needs in various ways; crying, looking, smiling, etc. Respond to those needs by naming them, "are you hungry, sleepy" "happy baby" etc.	Help your child learn the meaning of more
Complete one lesson from the literacy packet	Practice standing up with support	Walk around the house and talk about what color different things are	Talk to your child while doing daily activities. Let them know what you are doing	Find things that are taller and shorter than your child
Pretend you are at a park and lay on a blanket and read a book	Play your families favorite song and have a dance party	Play your child's favorite song and clap to the beat	Make a sensory bottle	Complete one of the math packet activities
Talk to your child while you change their diaper	Enjoy the weather and take a walk outside	Painting in a bag activity	Dance around the house with different tempo songs	Take a walk around the neighborhood and count how many flowers you see

Infants	Sensory	Literacy	Math	Arts
Monday	Painting with	Reading with	Show One and	Painting in a bag
	water	pictures and	Two	
		books		
Tuesday	Rain Drop Sensory	Go for a walk	Teaching the	Painting with
	Painting		infant more	Nature
Wednesday	Make your own	Recite nursery	Matching shapes	Lady Bug foot
	sensory bottle	rhymes	and sizes	print
Thursday	Rainbow shaving	Tell your baby	Counting out loud	Flower Handprint
	cream	what you're doing		with bee finger
		while you're		prints
		doing it		
Friday	Bubble wrap art	Participate in call	Sequencing	Lilly pad art
		and response		
		activities		



Math Activities-Infants

- 1. Show One and Two: Look for occasions where you can talk to your infant about one and more than one. Invite your child to play a small game with you. Group objects such as small blocks or crackers in bowls or stack them on the table. Talk to your child about groups. "This bowl has one cracker and the plate has a lot of crackers." Change the game to finding two, after he feels comfortable finding one object. Look for objects around the house that come in pairs such as socks, shoes, and gloves. Count the objects together.
- 2. <u>Teaching infants More:</u> One of the first math concepts infants learn is more. You can do this at meal times and while playing. If its snack time and you give your infant five cheerios and they eat them all. You can ask your infant do you want more or you can say this pile of cheerios has more than this other pile of cheerios.
- 3. Matching Shapes and Sizes: Offer your infant three objects of the same size and color. Two of them should be the same shape, such as two yellow balls and a yellow block. Talk about each object as you point to them. That is a smooth, round ball. It's yellow. Point out the two similar objects. Encourage your infant to try to grasp the objects as you do this activity. Some items that work well for matching shapes are: spoons and forks, balls and blocks, or round and square plastic lids. To practice with items of varying sizes, try big and little spoons, plastic cups, or socks.

- 4. <u>Counting Out Loud:</u> There are so many things you can count both indoors and outdoors. While you and your child are playing you can pick out a tub of blocks. With that tub of blocks you and your baby can sit and try to build a tower. As you are building that tower you can count each block until you run out of block. If you are on a walk with your baby you can talk about all the trees, birds, and dogs you see and count them as you go.
- 5. <u>Sequencing:</u> Explain to infants the different steps of a process as you do them. For example, "First we put on your shoes, then we tie them" or "After we read this book, then we will go outside."

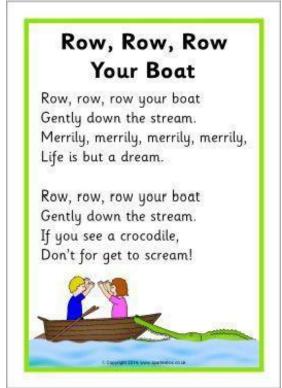


Literacy Activities- Infants

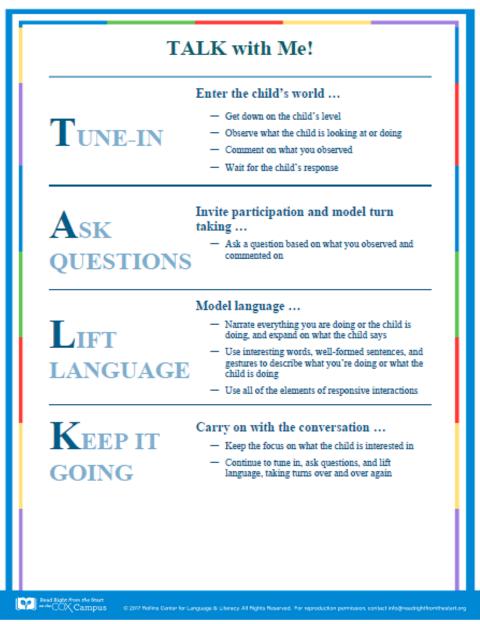
- 1. Reading with Pictures and Books: Collect cards or board books with one simple picture on each page. Show a card or picture book to your child and name the object on the page at the moment he looks at it. Tell him in simple words about its color, shape, or use: This is a shoe. A red shoe. You wear it on your foot. Give him the picture to hold and explore, and continue to talk to him about the picture.
- 2. Go for a Walk: Look at the world around you! As you are on a walk point to all the different things you see and talk about them!
- 3. Recite Nursery Rhymes: Children naturally respond to rhythm and
 - rhyming. Here are a few popular nursery rhymes that you can sing with your child, Row Row Row Your boat, Rock a Bye Baby, ABCs, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, and Mary Had a Little Lamb.

 Theres a bunch on YouTube as well if you want to sing along with those.
- 4. Tell your Infant what you are

 Doing while You do it: When it's time to change your baby's diaper tell them "It's time to change your diaper" if you keep



- doing this eventually your baby will start to understand what you mean and will be able to respond to your words.
- 5. Participate in call and response activities: When babies coo and babble, adults should pause (waiting until the baby is "done" in the same manner you would wait for someone to finish a sentence) and then respond with a comment or sentence of your own. This helps babies understand the patter of conversation.





Arts-Infants

1. Painting in a Bag: For this project you just need a Ziploc bag, paint, and a piece of paper. Put little bits of paint all over the piece of paper once you've done that just stick the piece of paper back into the bag. To make sure that the bag is secure you can tap the bag to the table or the floor. After you've done all of these steps you just put your baby in front of the bag and let them use their hands to move the paint around.

DIY Paint Recipe

- 1 cup of water(you can always add more water if you don't like the consistency of the mixture)
- 1 cup of flour
- 1 cup of salt
- Food coloring
- 2. Painting with Nature: This are project is on the same week that you go for a walk. So this fits perfectly with what is already planned. For this you can pick up leaves, sticks, and acorns are a few examples of what you can pick up. I suggest to bring a bag along with you on the walk so you can pick a bunch of different things. After you have gathered all of your materials lay out a piece of paper in front of your child. Put some paint randomly on the piece of paper then encourage your child to use the materials

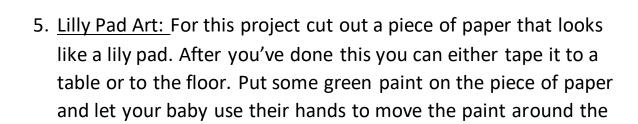
- you've gathered outside to smear the paint around. It might be a messy process but it's worth it in the end!
- 3. <u>Lady Bug Foot Print:</u> For this project all you need is a foot and some red paint. Just paint your child's foot and stamp it onto a piece of paper. If you don't have google

eyes on hand that's fine. Just paint your own on. You can either use a black sharpie or black paint to make the dots and to fill in the face.

4. Flower Hand Print with Bee Finger Prints:
This project is super fun because it's not just a simple hand print. You can paint your child's hand print whatever color you

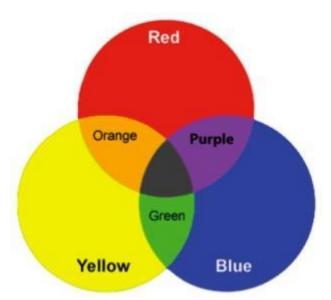
want to make the flower. Then take yellow paint

and dip your child's finger in it. Then make little yellow blobs all over the paper. Once the project is dry you can go in with a sharpie or black paint to make the lines on the bumble bee. You can use a green marker or green paint to make the stem for the flower.



paper. After that you can either glue a purple cupcake liner to one side of the lily pad or you can use purple paint if you'd like.





I've added this color wheel to use as a guideline when making your own paint and mixing primary colors to make secondary colors.



Sensory-Infants

- 1. Painting with Water: Find a place where your child can paint with water and you will not have to worry about the mess. An outside wall or sidewalk work well. Fill a bucket, no more than halfway, with water, and find a sponge that your child can easily hold in his hand. Show him how to dip the sponge into the water and squeeze before he begins painting. Point out the wet surface he creates. You made a line on the wall! Allow him to decide what to paint next.
- 2. Rain Drop Sensory Painting: First you can tape the paper to the table or to the floor. Next put random blobs of paint everywhere on the paper. Then encourage your child to use their hands to spread the paint around on the paper. Once the paper is dry you can cut it out to look like a rain drop.
- 3. <u>DIY Sensory Bottle:</u> Take any empty bottle like a Gatorade bottle, a plastic water bottle, or any other type of bottle you have laying around the house. Then fill it with whatever you have in your pantry. After this is all done glue the cap to the bottle so it won't be able to come open.

Rain & Wind

Process art



Items that you can put into a sensory bottle

- Glitter
- Small insects(fake not real)
- Buttons
- Flowers
- Rice
- Popcorn Kernels
- 4. Rainbow Shaving Cream: Start by filling a shallow pan with
 - shaving cream. After you've done that put the paint on top of the shaving cream and make a rainbow. Let your child put their hands into the shaving cream and paint and



- play around with the textures for a while.
- 5. <u>Bubble Wrap Painting:</u> Tape a piece of paper on the floor and put random blobs of paint all over the piece of paper. After you've done that place bubble wrap face down so all the bubbles are on the paper. After let your child try to move that paint around by playing with the bubble wrap. After they are

done take the bubble wrap off the piece of paper to see what your child came up with!



Useful Resources

Pinterest

http://earlyliteracycounts.blogspot.com/2010/08/50-literacy-activities-for-babies.html
https://www.kaplanco.com/blog/post/2017/03/08/fun-math-activities-for-infants
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