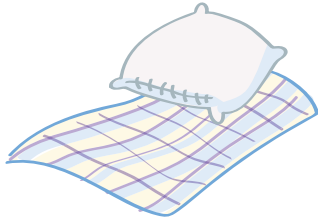
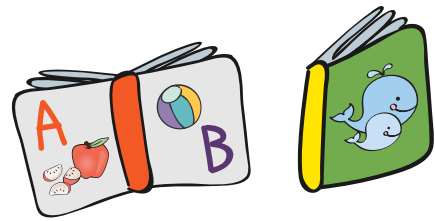


Infants



Maximizing Prime Times

During Prime Times — moments of one-to-one responsive, thoughtful interaction between an adult and a child — teachers address the child's basic human needs of nurturing care, food, rest, and connecting with others. These interactions are at the core of all we do.



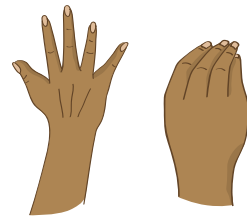
Reading Daily

Reading aloud to a child is the single best predictor of his or her later success as an independent reader. Reading is a nurturing interaction that sparks an interest in books, builds a diverse vocabulary, and boosts the development of skills such as listening, rhyming, and decoding.



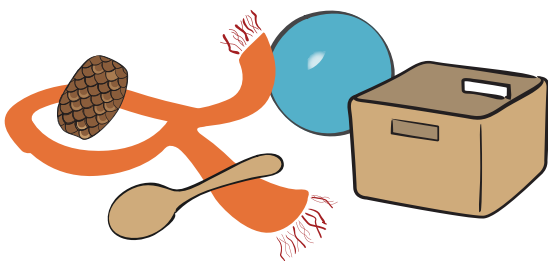
Daily Exposure to the Arts

Children are naturally creative — even the youngest child can appreciate the opportunity to explore the arts. Visual arts, music, dance, and drama allow babies to explore the world through their five senses. Exposure to real-life materials and objects helps babies better understand a variety of physical properties.



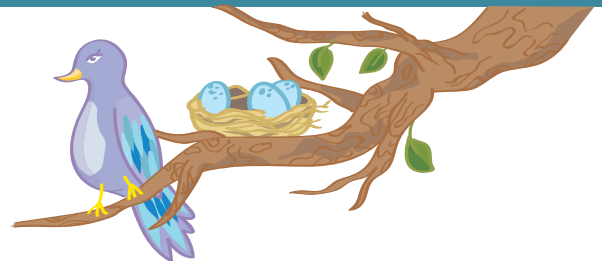
Using Sign Language

Signing is a unique way to communicate with babies before they are able to speak words on their own — they'll typically start producing the signs you've taught them around 8 to 9 months, providing nonverbal babies with a valuable communication tool.



Using Treasure Baskets

Babies need opportunities to interact with the interesting, sensory-rich objects and materials that are part of their world. These real objects offer more open-ended learning possibilities, feel better in a child's hand, and are more engaging than plastic toys.



Daily Outdoor Exploration

Nature is full of learning opportunities for babies — it provides beautiful objects to look at, wonderful sounds and smells, and interesting textures to explore. Being outside helps children appreciate and understand the natural world.