



Bubbles and Waves

1 year to 2 years

Objective: The child builds early learning through sensory exploration.

Materials needed:

Bubbles

Dish bucket (big enough for child to splash and play in; around 2-3 inches in height so they can reach over to touch the water inside, when sitting down.)

Procedures:

1. Do this activity on a hard, easy cleanable surface with a towel down; or outside is usually the best option for bubble blowing and water play, to avoid mess.
2. Blow bubbles to your child. Imitate popping the bubbles and saying "Pop, Pop" while doing so to build language awareness of actions. Watch to see if your child mimics you and tries to "pop" the bubbles too. Ask them to "help you pop them" to build encouragement in your child. Praise when they do pop a bubble.



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3. Fill the bucket halfway full with water.
4. Put in front of your child and sit them next to it. Let them splash and play in it freely on own.
5. With both hands, slightly pick up the bucket and tilt it back and forth side to side making a "wave-like" motion. Use vocabulary to describe actions: Such as, "Back and forth. Side to side. Splish, splash. We are making waves. Can you say water? Can you say waves?"
6. Continue both activities until your child does not show any further interest.

Milestones to meet:

The child uses touch to explore in water, and shows expression and excitement? The child watches, reacts to, and mimics popping bubbles when they are blown? The child tries to 'repeat' words through 'mimic talking.'

Evaluation:

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?