

CREATIVE THINKING & EXPRESSION



Encouraging children to try out new things and ideas is a crucial factor in their intellectual, physical and emotional growth. Creativity is a way of thinking and expressing oneself. Here are some ideas on how to be creative with your infant.

ARTWORK



Gross motor art is great for babies that are up on their feet. Spread a white sheet or table cloth on the ground. Paint nontoxic finger paint on your child's feet. Let them walk on the material with their feet to "paint."

9.1. V.I.B Visual Arts

MAKE-BELIEVE



Soft, lightweight dolls work well for dramatic play activities. Infants often enjoy holding dolls.

Provide baby props, such as toy bottles, strollers, and baby beds. Demonstrate how to use the props with our child. **9.1.**

D.I.B Dramatic and Performance Play



MUSIC

Exposing children to music during early development helps them learn the sounds and meanings of words. Dancing to music helps children build motor skills while allowing them to practice self-expression. **9.1 M.I.B Music and Movement**



SHAKE! SHAKE! SHAKE!

Make shakers by putting a small amount of dried rice, beans, sand, or pebbles in empty plastic bottles. Glue the caps securely to the bottles. Reinforce them by covering the caps with masking tape. Explore the different sounds made by the shakers. **9.1. M.I.J Music and Movement**

PENNSYLVANIA LEARNING STANDARDS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD: INFANT

The Department of Education and the Office of Child Development and Early Learning use a Standards Aligned System. The Pennsylvania's Learning Standards for Early Childhood are designed to support learning. The key areas explored in these activities are Music and Movement, Visual Arts, and Performance Play.

9.1.V PRODUCTION AND PERFORMANCE—Visual Arts

Big Idea: Visual arts allow expression of interest, abilities and knowledge.

- 9.1.V I.B Combine a variety of materials to engage in the process of art.

9.1 M PRODUCTION AND PERFORMANCE—Music and Movement

Big Idea: Music can be used to express and initiate aesthetic and physical responses.

- 9.1 M I.B Respond to music.
- 9.1 M I.J Use technologies for producing music.

9.1 D PRODUCTION AND PERFORMANCE—Dramatic and Performance Play

Big Idea: Dramatic and performance play is a way to act out reality and fantasy.

- 9.1 D I.B Act out familiar scenarios.