**Bumblebee Activities**

**Day 1**- Bag Finger-painting

Materials needed: paint, freezer bag, and tape.

What to do: squeeze paint into a freezer bag and seal it. Tape the bag for extra security. Let baby write on the outside of the bag with his/her fingers. For extra fun, use different colors of paint and allow baby to mix colors by squishing or writing with his/ her fingers.

Skills: sensory development, fine motor, cause and effect, and early writing skills

**Day 2**- Stacking

Materials: plastic cups and a ball for older babies

What to do: take turns stacking the cups and then knocking them down. For older babies show them how to knock over the cups by rolling the ball and then allow them to practice rolling the ball into the cups.

Skills: cause and effect, fine motor, and gross motor

**Day 3**- Clap with me

What to do: sing and clap along to the song below

Clap, clap, one, two, three

Clap, clap, clap with me

Clap, clap, four, and five

Clap, clap, clap, bees in hive

Clap, clap, six, seven, eight

Clap, clap, clap, you are great

Clap, clap, nine, and ten

Clap, clap, lets do it again

Skills: imitation, rhyming, language development

**Day 4**- Shake the Bottle

Materials needed: empty bottle, glue, rice, pasta, etc.

What to do: fill the empty bottle with pasta, rice, sand, etc. and glue (hot glue gun works best) the cap on after filling. As a bonus you can add in beads, feathers, shells, or anything you may want to put in the bottle for baby. Let the glue completely dry and then let baby shake, rattle, and roll the bottle around. This is a great experiment for learning new sounds.

Skills: fine motor and cause and effect

**Day 5**- Texture crawling

What to do: allow babies to crawl on different textures throughout the house. You can also make a texture rug by taping different things throughout the house together and allowing baby to feel and explore. For younger infants try taping tissue paper to the wall or to a toy and let them kick it with their feet. They will love the feeling and the noise of the crinkled paper.

Skills: sensory development, gross motor