

Bumblebee Activities

Day 1- Fun with Faces

Materials needed: stuffed animals

What to do: Babies love to explore the world through touch. Allow your baby to explore the different parts of your face with his/her hands. Say the names of the parts of your face as your baby is touching them. Continue to let him/her explore their own faces as well as their stuffed animals faces. Be sure to say whether they are touching their nose, eyes, ears, etc. Next, make different faces at your baby and sing and talk to your baby using exaggerated tones of voice. Watch your baby's facial expressions and see how they react to different pitches.

Skills: sensory development and language development

Day 2- Babies and Boxes

Materials: small and/or large boxes, and some type of paper. Could be newspaper, tissue paper, or wrapping paper.

What to do: babies love boxes! Start by wrapping up some smaller boxes. They could be cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc. Allow your baby to handle them and learn to rip them open. Babies love the sounds of paper tearing. Continue to help them stack them and knock them over. For older babies, let them explore big boxes by crawling in them. You could even draw pictures inside to allow them to explore the boxes and look at different pictures.

Skills: fine motor and gross motor skills

Day 3- Baby Bookworm

Materials needed: baby book (read the same book for a whole week)

What to do: Reading is fun and is a mellow form of play. Hearing new words and seeing colorful pictures will stimulate your baby's brain. While reading to your baby try pointing to pictures and changing your voice to match characters. Try reading the same book to your baby everyday for the whole week. By sticking with the same book, it allows your baby to become familiar with it and they will be able to recognize the pictures, words, etc. Invite your baby to participate by encouraging him/her to laugh, act surprised, touch the pictures, and turn the pages.

Skills: language development, recognition

Day 4- Dance Party

Materials needed: songs, shakers, musical instruments, colored scarves, pots, pans, spoons, etc.

What to do: Have fun!! A dance party is always fun for everyone and you can enjoy it indoors or outdoors. For younger infants this could be a fun activity for both parents and babies to do together.

You can pick them up and sing while moving with them to the beat of the music. You can also help them hold shakers and shake them to the beat. For older babies allow them to dance with you and experiment with instruments themselves. A list of some fun songs for babies are listed below:

We are the dinosaurs - <https://youtu.be/vPrmY7labLA>
Baby Shark - <https://youtu.be/XqZsoesa55w>
Old McDonald Had A Farm - https://youtu.be/_6HzoUcx3eo
Round And Round The Garden - <https://youtu.be/bdUztxhMFDA>
Itsy Bitsy Spider - https://youtu.be/w_ICi8U49mY
The Wheels on the Bus - https://youtu.be/e_04ZrNroTo
Head Shoulders Knees And Toes - <https://youtu.be/QA48wTGbU7A>
The Hokey Pokey - <https://youtu.be/LSxe9Q3BQvo>
If You're Happy And You Know It - <https://youtu.be/71hqRT9U0wg>
12345 Once I Caught A Fish Alive - <https://youtu.be/gM7uO4WyE-8>

Skills: gross motor and language development

Day 5- Art project - make a sun by painting with a sponge

Materials needed: for older babies you will need yellow paint, a sponge, a paper plate, and scissors. For infants who can not hold a sponge you will need plain white paper and either yellow paint or a yellow stamp pad

What to do: For babies that are able to hold a sponge, help them sponge paint a paper plate using yellow paint. It is helpful to cut the sponge up into fourths to make it easier for your baby to hold. After the painting dries simply cut out the edges of the paper plate to make it look like a sun. For younger infants take a blank piece of white paper and paint a yellow semi circle down in the corner of the paper. Next, roll your baby's foot into the paint or stamp pad and place them on the paper to look like rays. Examples are below:



