

INFANT

Week

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Smart Activities



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Summer Sky

Materials: paper, white paint, blue paint

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed.
2. Gather your baby. With parent assistance and supervision, help your baby explore mixing the colors white and blue to create sky blue on the paper.



On the First Day of Summer Vacation

by Tish Rabe

Materials: internet access, website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vADGQCUNIQ>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to the book with your child.
2. Point and repeat names of objects to promote language development.



Standing in the Sand

Materials: none

Preparation: none

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Gather your baby.
2. As your baby demonstrates beginning coordination and balance, support your baby by gently holding his/her hands as he/she attempts to stand.



Sign Language "Down"

Instructions:

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2. Point the index finger down with the palm facing in and move it down slightly as you point downward and repeat the word.
3. Practice using the word with the sign all week.



Blue Horse

Materials: paper, jumbo paintbrush, blue paint

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Gather your baby. With parent assistance and supervision, assist your baby with free art using the jumbo paintbrush.
2. Assist your baby with dipping the paintbrush into the paint. Observe as your baby explores. Talk about the color, the movements, and the materials



The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse

By Eric Carle

Materials: internet access, website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-u8EP4EJ5oE>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to the read aloud book with your child.
2. Point to and repeat names of objects to promote language development.



My Favorite Blue Toy

Materials: two blue age-appropriate baby toys

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Gather your baby.
2. As your baby begins developing his/her grasp reflex, encourage your baby by offering age-appropriate toys. Observe as your baby reaches for the toy of his/her choice.



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Blue Waters

Materials: different color paint, paintbrush, paper, wipes

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Gather your baby.
2. Using the different color paint, paint the entire bottom of your baby's foot creating a design for your baby's unique tropical fish. Gently place your baby's painted footprint on the paper.
3. The baby's toes will be tail of the fish. Dip the end of the paintbrush into paint to create eyes for the fish.



Water Sings Blue

by Kate Coombs

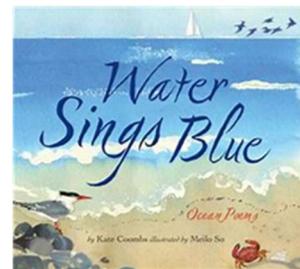
Materials: internet access, website:

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Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

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Bouncy Ball

Materials: age appropriate bouncy ball

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

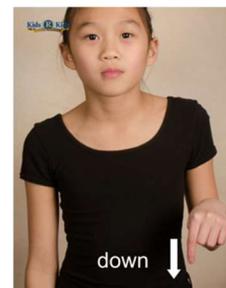
1. Assist and modify as needed. Gather your baby.
2. With parent assistance and supervision, bounce the ball first. Observe as your baby repeats actions to make something happen again such as bouncing or rolling the ball.



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Blue Jellyfish

Materials: medium rectangular plastic container, blue gelatin, wipes

Allergy Alert: Check allergies before beginning this activity. Remember to wash hands before and after this activity.

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Gather your baby.
2. Assist and supervise your baby as they explore the texture of gelatin.
3. Discuss the color blue and describe the texture of the gelatin as your baby explores.



I am Jellyfish

by Ruth Paul

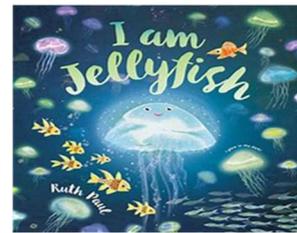
Materials: internet access, website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJUzUZw98Z8>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to the read aloud book with your child.
2. Point and repeat names of objects to promote language development.
3. Observe as your baby attends to bright or contrasting colors within the story.



Picture Perfect

Materials: family photos

Preparation: Gather your materials.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Gather your baby.
2. Point to the pictures of family and friends wearing the color blue. Point to other objects that are blue.
3. Observe as your baby imitates pointing at pictures.



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Daisy

Materials: blue paint, yellow paint, green paint, paper, paintbrush, wipes

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Gather your baby.
2. Paint a yellow circle in the middle of paper to make a blue daisy.
3. Paint your baby's hand blue to represent the petals. Gently place your baby's handprint around the yellow painted circle to create a flower.
4. Using the green paint, paint a line connected from the flower to create a stem.



Why is Blue Dog Blue?

by George Rodrigue

Materials: internet access, website:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuiP_mv0BaE

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to the read aloud book with your child.
2. Point and repeat names of objects to promote language development.
3. Observe as your baby shows interest in shared reading experiences and looking at books.



Explorer

Materials: three blue, different size age-appropriate toys

Preparation: Gather your materials

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Gather your baby.
2. Gently place your baby on tummy. Place the toys in front of your baby. Observe as your baby explores objects with different characteristics.



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