

Infant

Week 15 SERIES 1000-1050

LEARNING GOALS

- Responds to names of familiar people and objects
- Develops trust and attachment toward significant adults here
- Coordinates motions using eyes and hands
- Demonstrates beginning coordination and balance, often with support
- Coordinates motions using eyes and hands
- Manipulates objects to see what will happen
- Observes key community occupations
- Discovers body parts
- Responds to simple words and phrases
- Shows preference for a particular visual stimuli

DAILY SCHEDULE

Morning Routine

(Brush teeth, get dressed, breakfast)

Curriculum Activity

Snack

Independent Play

Brain Waves

Lunch

Rest/Nap

Curriculum Activity

Outdoor Play

Evening Routine

MATERIALS NEEDED

- beach ball
- books
- cloth
- container
- familiar red objects (apple, cloth, cap)
- fire truck

- music
- soft blocks
- stroller
- toys of other colors besides red
- various red toys

CURRICULUM SCHEDULE

MONDAY

Theme Exploration: Red, Red, Red

Music and Movement: Moving Feet

Brain Waves: The End

TUESDAY

Cognitive Exploration: Red is for Fire Truck

Music and Movement: Beach Balls

Brain Waves: The End

WEDNESDAY

Theme Exploration: Summer Trip

Cognitive Exploration: Knees and Toes

Brain Waves: The End

THURSDAY

Language/Literacy: Red is the Word

Theme Exploration: Red Up, Red Down

Brain Waves: The End

FRIDAY

Music and Movement: Block Party

Creative Exploration: Where is Red?

Brain Waves: The End



Theme Exploration

Red, Red, Red

Learning Goal: Responds to names of familiar people and objects

Materials: container, familiar red objects (apple, cloth, cap)

Preparation: Place objects in basket/container prior to activity.

Instructions:

- 1. Tell your baby that they will learn about the color red today.
- 2. Take out objects individually. Identify objects by name, color, and use. Observe your baby's responses to these red objects.
- 3. Throughout the week, notice red objects to mention to your child.



Music and Movement

Moving Feet

<u>Learning Goal</u>: Demonstrates beginning coordination and balance, often with support

- 1. Note your baby's emerging coordination and balance as you assist in moving his/her legs up, down, and in circular motions.
- 2. After exercises, say, "Wow, Sally, your feet are moving. You did a great job!"





Cognitive Exploration

Red is for Fire Truck

<u>Learning Goal</u>: Observes key community occupations

Materials: fire truck

Instructions:

- 1. Show your baby a red fire truck.
- 2. Let him/her play with the fire truck as you discuss what it is, its color, how it is used in the community, and its different parts.
- 3. Describe the hose and ladder and how they are used. Talk about the firefighters who drive red fire truck and help others.
- 4. Continue activity as long as interest remains.



Music and Movement

Beach Balls

<u>Learning Goal</u>: Coordinates motions using eyes and hands

Materials: beach ball

- 1. Sit with your baby on the floor.
- 2. Be sure he/she is supported while sitting on the floor.
- 3. Slowly roll the beach ball towards him/her.
- 4. Encourage your baby to grasp the ball and roll it or kick it towards you.
- 5. Enjoy time playing with your child!





Theme Exploration

Summer Trip

<u>Learning Goal</u>: Develops trust and attachment toward significant adults here

Materials: stroller

Instructions:

- 1. As you approach your baby, extend your arms and say, "Come with me. Let's go on a summer trip."
- 2. Embrace him/her and place in the stroller. Be sure he/she is buckled.
- 3. Roll outside and have a conversation about the summer sights, sounds, and smells.
- 4. Bring your baby back inside and have conversation about the inside sight, sounds, and smells.



Cognitive Exploration

Knees and Toes

<u>Learning Goal</u>: Discovers body parts

- 1. Sit with your baby.
- 2. Touch parts of his/her body while singing the song "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes."
- 3. Sing the song at a steady pace with good tone.
- 4. Continue activity as long as interest remains.
- 5. Observe for facial expressions and note if your infant tries to mimic any movement.





Language/Literacy

Red is the Word

Learning Goal: Responds to simple words and phrases

Instructions:

- 1. Hold your baby.
- 2. Walk around your home and show him/her items that are red as you sign "red."
- 3. If possible, encourage him/her to touch the item.
- 4. While your baby is touching the item say, "Jenny, that is a red apple."
- 5. Observe his/her responses to your discussion.

red

Stroke the lips downward with the dominant index finger. Adults may use the "R" to stroke down the lips when signing to older students.





Theme Exploration

Red Up, Red Down

Learning Goal: Coordinates motions using eyes and hands

Materials: various red toys

- 1. Sit with your baby.
- 2. Give a red toy to your child and keep a red toy for yourself.
- 3. Grasp the red toy and move it up then down.
- 4. As you move it say, "Red is up; now red is down."
- 5. Praise your baby's ability to grasp an item and move it.
- 6. Continue activity as long as interest remains.





Music and Movement

Block Party

Learning Goal: Manipulates objects to see what will happen

Materials: soft blocks, music

Instructions:

1. Sit with your baby and put on some music that your baby enjoys.

2. Place him/her in front of blocks.

3. Encourage him/her to interact with the blocks.

4. Talk to your baby about what he/she is doing. For example, is he/she stacking them? What colors and how many blocks are there?

5. Continue activity as long as interest remains.



Creative Exploration

Where is Red?

Learning Goal: Shows preference for a particular visual stimuli

Materials: red toys, toys of other colors, cloth

- 1. Sit with your baby.
- 2. Show and name two toys: one red and another that is not red.
- 3. While he/she is looking, put the red under a piece of cloth. Ask, "Where is the red toy? Can you find the red toy?"
- 4. Repeat showing and naming the two objects, then hiding red until he/she tries to find it behind your back.
- 5. Continue activity as long as interest remains.





Supporting the Development of the Temporal Lobe

Two main functions of the temporal lobe are auditory processing and memory. This is the part of the brain that deals with hearing and distinguishing different sounds. From infancy, babies are tuned in to sounds in their environment, and since auditory processing is intertwined with language development, supporting the development of the temporal lobe is important.



Hearing Stimulation

The End

Materials: books

- 1. Place baby in bouncer. Be sure he/she is buckled.
- 2. Using an upbeat tone, say to him/her, "It's story time." Read books to your baby using a variety of expressions and voice changes.
- 3. Close book, shout "The end!", and clap.
- 4. Give your baby the book and sit beside him/her. As you baby explores the book, point out various objects.
- 5. Each time he/she closes the book, shout "The end!" and clap. Enjoy reading with your little one!

