

Learning Ideas 8-20 Months

- Share photos of special grown-ups with me.
- Let me look in a mirror. Point to me and tell me that it's me in the mirror. Point to my nose, arms and legs and tell me what they are.
- Let me get my comforter or special toy when I'm feeling sad or tired.
- Share stories with me at bedtime or when we're snuggled up on the sofa.
- Sing songs to me when you're getting me dressed or changing my nappy.
- Hold my hands to help me make the actions as you sing songs.
- Tell me the names of things as I pick them up to explore.
- Let me splash my hands and kick my feet in the bath.
- Give me a doll's buggy or trundle trike to push.
- Put my favourite toys on the floor so that I can crawl or bottom shuffle to them. Move them further away so give me a small challenge
- Let me lift the flaps in a board book and share my excitement in what is behind the flap!
- Give me dough so that I can squeeze or squash it with my hands or poke it with my fingers.
- At feeding, changing or bath times share finger play songs with me like "Round and round the garden".
- Let me use my fingers to help me feed myself.
- Let me try and use a spoon to eat my food with.
- Let me hold the book as you share the story with me.
- Talk to me about what is happening in the pictures or who you can see in the pictures.
- Give me chunky pencils / crayons / chinks to play with
- Let me explore a treasure basket with different things in it, like a collection of different types of spoons or a collection of shiny things.
- Sing number rhymes to me, like "Two Little Eyes to Look Around".
- Let me explore different things to see what I can do with them, like a collection of different types and sizes of balls or things that will roll.
- Let me use my hands and feet to find out what marks I can make with paint or to make bubbles pop.
- Make sock puppets move to music or songs as you sing to me.
- I need to play with lots of different things to find out what I can do with them: scarves, boxes, rattles, safe mirrors
- Play "hide and seek" games where I must find one of my toys.
- Give me different objects to explore, pots, pans, spoons, paper.