







Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota

Infant/Toddler Age December 2011 Play-to-Learn Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1 Make a loop of masking tape, sticky side out. Let your baby or toddler explore the sticky feeling. (sensory development) I/T</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3 Roll a ball back and forth in a long hallway or down steps. (large muscle development) T</p>
<p>4 Have a tea party with plush animals. (social development) I/T</p>	<p>5 Play music with a definite rhythm. Clap your child's hands to the beat. (music) I/T</p>	<p>6 Use a clean milk carton and cut off the top. Drop clothespins in. (hand-eye coordination) T</p>	<p>7</p> 	<p>8 Cut out animal pictures from old magazines. Learn animal names and sounds. (language development) T</p>	<p>9 March around the house using exaggerated steps. Count as you step. (math) T</p>	<p>10 Read a Mother Goose book. (social/language skills) I/T</p>
<p>11</p> 	<p>12 Go to a Christmas tree lot and feel, describe, smell the trees. (language /sensory development) T</p>	<p>13 Sort something-toys, poker chips, socks, silverware. (math) T</p>	<p>14 Cook or bake something that fills the house with good smells. (sensory development) I/T</p>	<p>15 Put pillows on the floor. Walk, crawl, roll on or over them. (large muscle development) I/T</p>	<p>16 Go on a hunt in your house for green things. (color recognition) T</p>	<p>17 Using a metal cookie sheet, drag a magnet underneath to make metal juice lids move on top. (science) T</p>
<p>18 Drive around to look at the houses that are lit up. Talk about what you see. (sensory development) T</p>	<p>19</p> 	<p>20 Pour some flour into a cake pan and encourage your child to draw in it. (pre-writing skills) I/T</p>	<p>21 Spend some time working on a board puzzle. (hand-eye coordination) T</p>	<p>22 Go to a pet store and talk about the animals you see. (vocabulary development/science) T</p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24 Cut out circles from a variety of papers. Glue on a larger sheet to make a collage. (shapes) T</p>
<p>25 Merry Christmas</p>	<p>26 Happy Kwanzaa</p>	<p>27</p> 	<p>28 Have your child help with a household chore. (responsibility) T</p>	<p>29 Tape a bow to a part of your child's body and have them identify that part. (body recognition) T</p>	<p>30 Put beads, marbles, bells into plastic containers and hot glue the lids on. Shake. (sensory devel.) I/T</p>	<p>31 Happy New Year</p>