

Water Play

Water play is a great way to encourage new words and keep cool at the same time. Your little one will be primed for learning as they will be fully engaged in this sensory activity.

You'll need...

- ◆ bucket/watering can / spray bottle / hose with spray trigger
- ◆ water
- ◆ sponge, leaves, foam shapes (items that float)
- ◆ figurines, shells, rocks (items that sink)

Let's Play

- ◆ What should we put in our bucket today? - *Following your child's lead is the key to making sure they are engaged.*
- ◆ Help your child turn on the tap, squeeze the trigger or spray the bottle. Talk about what you're doing - *"squeeze the trigger", "turn it on"*.
- ◆ Talk about different concepts like wet/dry, full/empty, float/sink.
- ◆ Make predictions about what might happen - *"the grass will get all wet", "your feet might get cold", "the rock might sink"*.
- ◆ Wait and watch your child. Talk about what they are doing.
- ◆ Avoid asking too many questions.
- ◆ Use the same words and concepts when your child is playing in the bath to extend their learning.

Words to Use

Naming Words

- water
- bucket
- sponge
- shell
- sand
- hose

Action Words

- pour
- squeeze
- fill
- turn
- sink/float
- drip

Location Words

- on
- off
- in
- out

Describing Words

- cold
- warm
- wet
- dry

