



THIS MONTH'S THEME

On the Farm

READ EVERY DAY

This month, we're trotting, clucking and mooing our way *On the Farm!* Your baby will delight in the sights and sounds of farm life through playful songs, bouncy rhymes and soft animal friends to touch and explore. With each "baa" and "oink," we'll spark giggles and wonder, helping your baby build early language and sensory skills in the most joyful way. It's a barnyard of fun, and we can't wait to share the adventure with your little farmers!

Sing and dance at home with theme-based music!



Establish a reading routine to bond with your child through stories. Reading to your baby can help establish a predictable daily routine while also promoting brain activity, early literacy skills and language development.

Try this: Read for a few minutes at a time: Don't worry about finishing entire books. Your baby's attention span is short, so even brief reading moments count. Point to pictures, make sounds and enjoy the time together—follow their cues and have fun!

How:

- Follow your baby's lead—if they lose interest, pause and try again later.
- Keep it playful with gestures, fun sounds and pointing to pictures to engage your baby.
- Read for a few minutes during calm times to make books a comforting part of your baby's day.

Tip of the Month: Don't worry about following the text exactly. Stop once in a while and make comments or ask questions about the pictures and text.

Play & Learn at Home

Encourage different types of play with objects you can find at home or in nature. Below are three activities you can try at home related to the same type of play.



Grab & Squeeze

Is your baby using their senses to explore different textures around them? Are they starting to express themselves with sounds, gestures or simple words?

Young Infant

Sit with your baby, make fun animal sounds like "moo" or "baa" and guide their hand to explore textures in a touch-and-feel book. Use expressive voices to keep them engaged.

Older Infant

Explore a touch-and-feel book with your baby using expressive voices and simple words, like "soft" or "bumpy." Afterwards, offer safe textured items for them to explore.

Young Toddler

Sit with your child and explore textured items while reading a touch-and-feel book expressively. Ask simple questions like, "Is it soft or bumpy?" to create a fun sensory experience.

Is your baby curious about bubbles and their surroundings? Do they explore by touching, popping or reacting to bubbles as they float and change?

Young Infant

Blow bubbles for your baby to reach or bat at, encouraging visual tracking, hand-eye coordination and joyful movement.

Older Infant

Blow bubbles and say "Pop, pop!" as you pop them. Encourage your baby to join by reaching, crawling or walking after the bubbles, building excitement as they play.

Young Toddler

Blow bubbles, then gently blow on your child to get their attention. Count, "1, 2, 3... bubbles!" and see if they reach or try to pop them.

Is your baby using their hands, feet and whole body to explore the sensory bags? Do they notice and react to how the textures and materials feel and change?

Young Infant

Hold your baby and walk slowly around the room, pausing at safe objects to let them touch and explore textures. Notice what catches their interest.

Older Infant

Place a sealed sensory bag on a low table and encourage your baby to stand and explore by poking and pressing the squishy texture.

Young Toddler

Place three sealed, colorful sensory bags near your child and see which they reach for. Show how to press and make shapes, then let them explore with hands and feet.

BOOKS & NURSERY RHYMES



Touch and Feel: Farm
by Anne Millard



Mornings on the Farm
by Experience Early Learning Co.



Moo, Baa, La La La!
by Sandra Boynton

LITTLE BOY BLUE

Little Boy Blue,
Come blow your horn.
The sheep's in the meadow.
The cow's in the corn.
Where is the boy who
Looks after the sheep?
He is under the haystack,
Fast asleep.

Reminders and Upcoming Information

