

experience preschool + Little Learners

for Multi-Age Learning

18 months - 5 years old



BUBBLES, BOATS & FLOATS LESSON 11

STEAM STATION SENSORY

SMALL GROUP LITERACY

Rub-a-Dub-Dub

LD 5 Concepts of Print LD 3 Phonological Awareness

SUPPLIES FOR EACH CHILD

- I Can Read book

YOUR SUPPLIES

- Bath toys that squirt
- Bin of water
- Empty container
- Crayons

Discuss & Explore

- What toys do you play with in the tub?
- Set out a bin of water, an empty container and bath toys. Invite children to squirt water into the empty container.

Play Together

- Give each child an I Can Read book.
- Invite children to point to the text as you read aloud.
- Encourage children to underline any word that ends in -ub.
- **Simplify:** Invite the child to help turn the pages and you read the text.
- **Challenge:** You read the text then invite the child to read the same text.

OBSERVE: Does the child turn the pages and follow along with the reading? Does she find a word that ends in -ub?

SUGGESTED STORY

TIME for a BATH

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LD 4 Reading Comprehension
PD 4 Personal Care
SS 1 Culture & Community

- Show the book cover and read its title aloud. Invite children to list items that are needed for bath time: water, soap, towel, shampoo, toys.
- Read the story and, before turning each page, encourage children to share their ideas about the kinds of fun that requires bath.

The **Little Learners Teacher Guide** explains how to simplify the activities, games and art projects for toddlers while using the supplies and materials in our Experience Preschool Curriculum Kit.



PRESCHOOL TEACHER GUIDE

Rub a Dub, Dub

SKILLS SPATIAL AWARENESS 12.2 CONCEPTS OF PRINT II.1

SUPPLIES

- For each child
- I Can Read book
- YOUR SUPPLIES**
- Pot
 - Toys

Play Together

- Look at the book and ask the child "Where is..." questions.
- Encourage the child to use words such as "in," "above" and "under."

- Set out a pot and a variety of toys.
- Invite the child to play with toys and talk about the location of the toy in relation to the pot or to himself (in, next to, behind, on, etc.).

Did the child respond to the "Where is..." question by pointing?

Reasons to use Little Learners:

- Individualized activities for your multi-age groups
- Simple and easy-to-use plans that engage ages 18 months to 5 years in meaningful play
- Time-saving adaptations for younger children

How does the Little Learners Teacher Guide work? The Little Learners Guide complements the Experience Preschool Teacher Guide. The lesson numbers, the daily topics and the activity names in Little Learners match the Preschool Teacher Guide. This makes it easy to use both guides simultaneously when working with a mixed-age group.

LITTLE LEARNERS GUIDE

These special features are available only in the Little Learners Teacher Guide:



TABLE TOP MATH
Soapy Shapes
 AB 4 Domain: PC 2.1 The Child: 027 (Math)

SUPPLIES

- Cube Cards: shapes from Lesson 4)

YOUR SUPPLIES

- Washcloth or dryerase markers
- Sponge
- Bowl of soapy water
- Paper

Set Up

- Insert paper into the sheet protector.
- Place all the cubes on the table.

Independent Play

- Encourage a child to roll the Picken Cube and identify the shape.
- Draw that shape on the sheet protector with a sponge and soapy water. Then play again.

• Does the child identify the shapes on the card? Do they attempt to draw the shapes or make shape-like marks?

Closing Time

Reflection

- Have you ever given a pet a bath?

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

Pretend to Wash

EA 4 Domain: MR 3 (Communication)

- Play "Soapy Suds," track 9 on the Dancing with Bubbles, Boats & Flotsam CD.
- Invite children to pretend to wash an imaginary object to the music.
- Follow the song and encourage a child to guess what someone else is pretending to wash.

WIGGLE & GIGGLE

This is a simplified version of Experience Preschool's closing time. Wiggle & Giggle's music and movement activities stimulate gross motor coordination and balance while also nurturing creative expression through music.

Wiggle & Giggle

Soapy Suds
 Track 9, Dancing with Bubbles, Boats & Flotsam CD
 Dance with washcloths and pretend to wash arms, legs, shoulders as the music plays.

TRAY PLAY

Squirt Art
 SKILL: PD 2 FINE MOTOR

SUPPLIES

- Paint
- Ice cube tray
- Paper towel
- Eyedropper

SET UP

- Mix paint and water and pour it in the sections of an ice cube tray.

Set out a long strip of paper towel, the ice cube tray with paint and an eyedropper. Encourage the child to squeeze the eyedropper to suck up paint then squirt it on the paper towel to create designs.

cuddle & snuggle

Sit across from the child and pass a wet bar of slippery soap back and forth. Explain to the child that you like being silly with him.



TRAY PLAY ACTIVITIES

Each month, Little Learners features 20 Montessori-inspired Tray Play ideas that are easy to set up. Play on the floor, in a high chair or even on the go!

SNUGGLE & CUDDLE

Relationships are foundational to all areas of development and learning. Cuddle & Snuggle's one-on-one relationship-based experiences are a daily opportunity to bond with each child.