

Age: 18 - 30 months
Skills: Fine motor, vocabulary, science, math, and language

Materials: Holiday fabric & holiday items (large plastic tree ornament, holiday stocking with lots of textures, plastic cookie cutters, plastic holiday cups, decorated boxes, holiday bows, mittens, a hat, and holiday cards)

Preparation: Find an area to set the fabric on that is at the child's level. Next set the materials on the fabric.



Activity: Encourage your toddler to come over and explore all the different objects on the table. Teach them the name of each item and let them touch each item as you name it. As your child gets comfortable with exploring and identify each object begin to play different games with him or her. Such as can you find the blue bow. Can you find the soft red mitten?

Parent Tip: Your child will enjoy identifying the objects and learn many new words. You can add new and different items all during the month of December.

Age: 2— 3 Year-olds
Skills: Language, creative expression, movement, and literacy

Materials: Song

Jingle Jam

Activity: Sing this song to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle, Jangle
Everybody, Jingle Jangle.
It's a Very Happy Sound,
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle, Jangle
Everybody, Jingle, Jangle



Parent Tip: Toddlers need to play with language and enjoy movement. Get the family singing and moving to Jingle Jam!

Age: 18 —36 months
Skills: Fine motor, language, creative expression, movement

Materials: Ingredients, cookie cutters and rolling pin



Play Dough

1 - Cup salt	4 - Cups water
4 - Tablespoons oil	1/2 - Cup Cream of tartar
4- Cups flour	Food coloring
Peppermint extract	

Mix all ingredients in a saucepan. Cook and stir over low/medium heat until play dough is completely formed and no longer sticky. Allow to cool slightly before storing in an airtight container or zip lock bag.

Parent Tip - Be sure to sit with your child while doing this activity together and teach them how to play with the dough. This activity allows you to teach many new words to your child (peppermint, push, roll, squeeze)

Age: 3,4, and 5 year-olds
Skills: Fine motor, literacy, language, and music

Materials: Flashlight, white construction paper, or index cards, stars pattern, markers, red or pink cellophane or saran wrap, rubber band, tape

December ~ Holiday Fun

Preparation: Write different letters on each of the stars that you have cut out. Attach the stars to the walls and ceiling of your child's bedroom. Cover the lens of a flashlight with red or pink cellophane or saran wrap using the rubber band to keep it in place.

Activity: Turn down the lights and sing "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." When the song ends shine the light around the room spotlighting one of the stars. Have your child name the letter; continue until all the letters have been named. Your child will want to do this over and over again.

