

Play is the most powerful way young children learn.

READ

Before Reading

Gain the children’s attention by blowing bubbles.

During Reading

Involve the children during the story by letting them take turns interacting with the pages.

After Reading

Read other books that encourage interaction by the reader.
Try:

- *Spot* by Eric Carle, many books in this series have flaps that can be lifted to answer a question or reveal a surprise.
- *There Are Cats In This Book* by Viviane Schwarz
- *There Are No Cats In This Book* by Viviane Schwarz
- *Tuck Me In* by Dean Hacoheh

Help extend the children’s knowledge by reading books about:

- Colours
- Weather
- Shapes
- Opposites

Explore circles. Go on a circle hunt inside and outside. How many circle shapes can you find?

Play outside with coloured balls.

Children love bubbles. Encourage children to try and catch or pop bubbles as you blow them. This is a great activity for fine motor development.



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SING

Sing songs that reinforce the content of the book:

- *I Can Sing A Rainbow*
- *A Spotty Kind of Day*
- *Rock A Bye Your Bear*
- *Open Shut Them*
- *Hello Bubble*
(sung to the tune of Frere Jacques)
Hello bubble, hello bubble
Time to land, time to land
Right in the middle
Of my hand

PLAY

Play games that encourage the children to follow instructions:

- Follow the Leader
- Simple Simon

Play with bubbles and balloons.

Water Play

Give children crepe paper so they can experiment with changing the colour of the water.

Children must be always supervised around water.

Creative Play

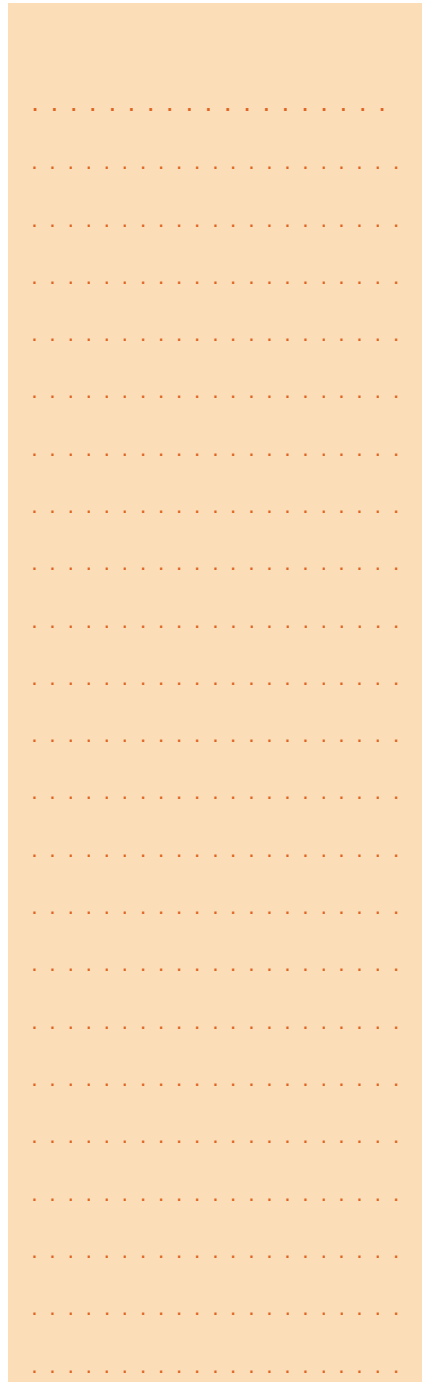
Let the children experiment with colour mixing with different coloured paints. Use the colours from the book first and then experiment with other colours.

Show the children how to colour a page with different coloured crayons. Then cover the page with black crayons. Use a sharp pencil to scratch a picture on the black crayon and the colours underneath will show through.

Make a group rainbow collage with different coloured materials, for example, wrapping paper, patty pans, cellophane, tissue paper, ribbons and material scraps.

Provide the children with all of the colours of the rainbow to have fun painting with.

Visit www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au for instructions for a Spotty Dotty printing activity.



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