## **School Readiness Family Activity Calendar #1 —Infants**

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Roll a soft ball to your thild. Let them explore he ball.	Hold a toy slightly about your child's reach and encourage them to reach for it.	Show your child objects and name them. Give the child time to really look at and touch and feel the object.	Throw a scarf into the air. As it floats back down, extend your arms to catch it. Watch your child's reaction.	Put squeezable items in the bathtub such as sponges or a squeeze bottle and show your child how they work.	Sit and tell your child a story about your childhood.	Put your child on their tummy. Place toys just out of their reach so they can practice reaching for them.
Practice body parts with your child by pointing to body part and saying the ame. Touch the same body aart on your child.	Give your baby wooden spoons and plastic containers. Show him how to bang objects together to make noise.	Show your child pictures of familiar people and talk about them.	While at the grocery store talk to your child about different types of food and drinks.	Blow bubbles and watch your child reach for them	Encourage your child to roll back and forth from their stomach to their back, and from their back to their stomach.	Take your child outside and allow them to touch the grass Talk about what the grass feels like.
Encourage your child to eed himself using his ands during mealtime.	Show your child a picture of an animal and make the sound.	Lay your child on her back in the bathtub and allow her to kick. Be sure to hold her head up so water doesn't get into her ears.	Hold your baby on your lap facing you. Rock back and forth holding your child's hands while you "see-saw".	Put toys on a sofa or chair so your child can practice standing while playing with toys.	Put dump and pour toys like cups and bowls in the bath and let your child play.	Play a game of peek-a- boo with your child.
fill an empty tissue box vith scarves or socks. Show your baby how to pull hem out.	While listening to music, dance with your child.	Put a toy beside or behind your baby. Watch to see if your baby searches for it.	While baby is lying on his back on a flat surface, grasp your child's hands gently and raise him to a sitting position.	Put pictures on the wall near the changing area so that your child can look at them while being changed. Talk about them with your child.	Talk about feelings with your child. Example: You are happy right now, your face tells me you are sad, etc.	Take a nature walk around your neighborhood.  Stop at interesting things.  Let your child touch leaves or trees.
Fill up a cup with ice ubes. While your child in the bathtub drop an ice ube in and see if your child an pick it up with another up or his hands.	Sing songs with your child and practice hand motions.	Place a favorite toy under a blanket or pillow. See if baby can find it.				

## **School Readiness Family Activity Calendar #2**—Infants

Child's Name:		Site:		Month:	Office of Education	
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Place a piece of cereal or banana on the highchair tray and let your child feed himself.	Take your child outside and talk about any animals you see.	Stack objects for your child and encourage them to knock them down.	Sing a familiar song with you child and add some action by tapping and clapping.	Put squeezable items in the bathtub such as sponges or a squeeze bottle and let your child play with them.	Sit and tell your child a story about your childhood.	Sit on the floor facing your baby. Take one end of a large scarf and give the other end to baby. Gently start a tug-of-war by pulling the scarf forward. Show
						baby how to pull back.
When feeding your child, introduce new vocabulary words. Example: food name, texture and appearance.	Read your child's favorite book together.	Play Pat-a-cake with your baby. Clap his hands together then wait to see if baby signals you to start again.	Talk about body parts while bathing your child.	Roll a soft ball to where your baby is sitting. Help baby roll it back to you.	While listening to music hold one of your baby's stuffed animals and make it dance to the music.	While reading, point out objects to your child and name them.
Play your child's favorite song and dance to the rhythm of the music.	Look through photos with your child and tell stories about your pictures.	Practice body parts with your child by pointing to a body part and saying the name. Touch the same body part on your child.	Go for a walk outside with your child and talk about what you see.	Count your child's fingers and toes together.	Put dump and pour toys like cups and bowls in the bath and let your child play.	Play a game of peek-a-boo with your child.
Encourage your child to feed himself using his hands during mealtime.	Lay your child on her back in the bathtub and allow her to kick. Be sure to hold her head up so water doesn't get into her ears.	Encourage your child to roll back and forth from their stomach to their back, and from their back to their stomach.	Sing songs with your child and practice hand motions.	Go outside with your child and look at the sky. Talk about the weather .	Give your baby wooden spoons and plastic containers. Show him how to bang objects together to make noise.	Place a favorite toy under a blanket or pillow. See if taby can find it.
Spread a blanket on the grass and sit with your baby. Encourage her to touch the grass, ground, dirt or water in surrounding areas.	Blow bubbles and watch your child reach for them	Hold a toy slightly about your child's reach and encourage them to reach for it.				
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