## **Learn Through Play 2024**

## **February**—infant

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
4C for Children Additional Resources  Sign up for our monthly Family Source e-newsletter at 4cforchildren.org/newsletter-sign-up/ for hot topics and resource. Plus, search 4C for Children on your favorite social media sites for more tips and information.					2 Collect several familiar items. Put them in a box. Let your baby pull out the items one at a time while you help him name each item.	<i>3</i> Give your baby a pile of differently textured clothes and linens. Let her explore the differences.	forChildren
4 With a baby who is not yet standing or walking, hold her securely under the arms, look into her eyes, and bounce her gently.	Get on the floor with your baby and play! Talk about the toys, colors, and shapes you are playing with.	Tie a string no longer than 6 inches to one of your baby's toys. Show how the toy moves when you pull.	7 Gently bounce your baby on your knee and sing a nursery rhyme.	8 As your baby begins to point at objects you can say what they are.	9 While you are out on a walk, stop at your mailbox, lift up the baby and shout inside to hear the echo!	10 While holding your baby on your lap, move your fingers around in the air and make a buzzing sound.	CRAFT/ACTIVITY:  Brag Book  Create a little homemade photo album that slips easily into a diaper bag! Your child will enjoy looking at this over and over!  Using sandwich size Ziploc bags, insert photos. Then staple them together to resemble a book, and cover the staples with duct tape to resemble the spine of a book.
11 Lay your baby on his tummy and get down on that level, making faces and noises to encourage him raising his head.	12 Read! Read! Read with your baby!	13 Play Pat-a- Cake with your baby.	14 Say, "Who's my valentine?my sweetie?my love?" Then say, "You are!" and kiss him!	15 Make up a song with your baby's name, to the tune of "BINGO" or another familiar song.	16 Show your baby a stuffed animal, touch its nose and say "beep," then touch baby's nose and say "beep!"	17 When entering a dark room, turn on the light and say, "lights on!" Turn the light off and say, "lights off!" when you leave.	
18 Tell your baby how much you love him.	19 Sit your baby in front of you. Hold his hands and gently ease them forward and back and sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."	20 Hold your baby next to a table and drum your hands.	21 Sing, Sing, Sing to your baby!	22 Turn the water on and off near baby. Say, "Water on, water off—all gone!"!	23 Using an empty paper rowel roll, make trumpet sounds. Let baby try!	24 Have a fun Jammie Day with your family!	
25 Let your baby touch snow or ice water and say "Brr, cold!"	26 Roll a ball back and forth.	27 Play using baby's hands or feet!	28 Blow a kiss to your baby and encourage him to copy by blowing a kiss, spreading open your arms and saying, "Blow me a kiss."	29 Gently bounce your baby on your knee and sing a nursery rhyme.			