Learn Through Play 2025

July - Infant

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 Give your child an ice cube to experiment with on a flat surface. Will she pick it up? Try eating it? Play with it until it melts? Supervise!	2 When outside, lift your child high above your head and say "so big!" Then bring him down and say "whee!" Repeat.	3 Go outside and help your child feel different things like rocks, twigs and leaves. Describe how they feel: smooth, bumpy, rough, etc.	4 Get a pinwheel toy and either blow it or show your child how it blows in the wind. Listen to the wind, rustle leaves, etc.	5 Have your child hold a block in each hand. Then show him how to bang them or clap them together. Clap, clap, clap!	for Children Activity
6 Put a small toy or object of interest into your shirt pocket. Ask "Where did it go?" and see if your child look for it.	7 Make a house for your child out of couch cushions. Place your child inside. Say "where are you?" or "are you in a house?"	8 Make faces in a large mirror. Swing your child close to the mirror. Say "who's that handsome boy?" or "where's your nose?"	9 With a wind chime or bells, move or shake them. Encourage your child to copy the movement and see how he reacts.	10 Read with your child for 15 minutes today.	11 Place blocks in a container, one by one, and then dump them out.	12 Sing "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" to your baby.	Waffle Dippers Ingredients: 1 frozen waffled, toasted 1/2 cup flavored yogurt 1/2 cup diced fruit or berries Directions: Cut toasted waffle into 1-inch strips. Dip in yogurt. Serve with fruit.
13 When saying "hi" or "bye-bye," say the words and wave. Help your child to wave each time.	14 Attend story time at your local library.	15 Pretend your child's teddy bear is real. Help your child make a bottle for it and rock it to sleep.	16 Show your child how measuring cups nest together—how a small one fits into a larger one.	17 Fill a small bowl with water and explore filling cups, small bottles, scoops, big spoons and funnels.	18 Talk, talk, talk with your child.	19 Look at pictures of animals and make the corresponding animal sounds with your child.	
20 Play some music and sing along. Clap or click your tongue to the beat. See if your child will copy you!	21 Stack some blocks or measuring cups. Encourage your child to knock them down. Say "oh no!" or "fall down!"	22 Sing "If You're Happy and You Know It" with your child.	23 Sing "Pop goes the weasel." When you sing the word "pop" coincide it with a clap, falling down, or closing a book. Repeat.	24 Read a book in a tent with a special snack. A tent can be made by just throwing a blanket over your head. Use a flashlight to read.	25 Point to your child's body parts and name them.	26 Go to the park and swing together. Place your child on your lap and hold with both arms. See if she likes it; keep it low and help her feel secure.	
27 Do the activity that you can find on the right side of the calendar.	28 Count baby's fingers and toes out loud and touch each one as you count them.	29 Put a mirror in front of baby while doing "tummy time." Baby loves to see her face.	30 Take a walk outside and point to objects and name them for baby.	31 Repeat your favorite activity of the month.	Connect With 4C Resources Online Parenting E-newsletter: Sign up for our monthly e-news full of parenting tips! Visit www.4cforchildren.org/parentsource. Social media: Connect with 4C on Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram! Just search for 4C for Children on your favorite social site.		