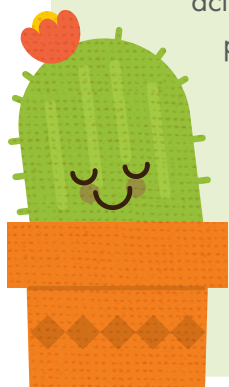


THIS MONTH'S THEME

In the Desert

Join an exciting desert adventure with your little one! Explore the wonders of the *In the Desert* theme together, and engage in interactive activities that will ignite your baby's curiosity. From hands-on play to captivating stories and songs, your baby will have so much fun discovering the desert setting. Get ready for a delightful and enriching learning experience that will spark your baby's imagination in a desert-inspired world.



**Sing and dance at home
with theme-based music!**



Play & Learn at Home

Encourage different types of play with objects you can find at home or in nature. Below are three activities you can try at home related to the same type of play.



Imitate

How does the child respond to the rhyme and anticipate the ending?

Young Infant

Hold the child on your legs and play the song. Move their legs to the rhythm of the music.

Older Infant

Invite the child to sit on your lap. Play the song. Clap to the rhythm of the music.

Young Toddler

Invite the child to find a doll or stuffed animal and join you on the floor. Play the song. Move the toy to the rhythm of the music.

Does the child prefer stacking up or knocking down towers?

Young Infant

While the child is on their tummy, begin stacking cups in front of them.

Older Infant

Begin stacking cups and offer one to the child, inviting them to help you build.

Young Toddler

Begin stacking cups and offer one to the child, inviting them to help you build. Then roll the ball to knock them down.

How does the child recall and mimic sounds?

Young Infant

Hold the child and show them an open box with a picture of desert animals taped inside. Point, name a picture and make the animal sound.

Older Infant

Set out two boxes with pictures of desert animals taped inside. Encourage the child to point at a picture. Name the animal and encourage them to mimic the animal sound.

Young Toddler

Set out three boxes, each with a picture of a desert animal inside. Encourage the child to name an animal and make its sound.

READ EVERY DAY

Establish a reading routine

to bond with your child through stories. Reading to your baby can help establish a predictable daily routine while also promoting brain activity, early literacy skills and language development.

Try this way to read: Play with sounds: Find at least one word, sound or sound effect on each page to repeat multiple times. Encourage the child to repeat the sounds or words while you read.

How:

- Make sound effects for each animal as you read. Encourage the child to join in and mimic the sounds!
- Highlight the rhyming words in the story and have fun emphasizing them.
- Make sound effects for the characters as you read aloud.

Tip of the Month: Let your baby choose: Let your baby help pick out the books.

BOOKS & NURSERY RHYMES



A Color of His Own
by Leo Lionni

Why Oh Why Are Deserts Dry?
by Tish Rabe

Hug Me
by Simona Ciraolo

TROT, TROT, TROT

Trot, trot, trot to the cactus,
(Bounce child on knee)
Trot, trot, trot to the clover,
Look out (child's name)
Or you might fall over!
(Lean child to the side)

Reminders and Upcoming Information

