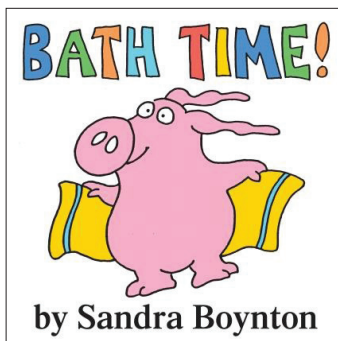


Drip, drop, plop!

Let's play and talk together

- ❖ Invite your child to help set up the tubs, towels and containers for water play.
- ❖ Encourage your child to pour water from one container to another. Use words like "empty," "full," and "pour," and words that describe how water feels and moves, like "gush," "trickle," "slosh" and "drip."
- ❖ Talk with your child about what happens when you pour the water from one container to another.

A good read-together book



Bath Time! by Sandra Boynton



Hints for success

- ❖ Start with warm water in the tubs.
- ❖ Invite your child to help choose the containers and objects for water play.
- ❖ Include small plastic bottles, measuring cups and funnels of different shapes and sizes.

This activity is good for learning how to estimate and measure, and learning words for quantity and volume.

You will need plastic tubs or dishpans, and a collection of bottles, containers and scoops of different shapes and sizes.

What do you think will happen if we pour this container into that one?

How many scoops do you think it will take to fill this bottle?

Ways to say it

More ideas for Drip, drop, plop!

Try this way

- ❖ Add dishwashing liquid to make bubbles.
- ❖ Show your child how to guess and then check how many of one container it takes to fill another. Use phrases such as "half-full," "level" and "up to the rim."
- ❖ Offer the same toys during bath time. Encourage your child to experiment with pouring and measuring in the tub.

Imaginary play

Pretend to be a wizard mixing magic potions or a scientist inventing special medicines. Use food colouring to dye the water in each tub a different colour.



Rain On My Umbrella (Sung to the tune of Frère Jacques)

Drip, drip, drop, drop,
Drip, drip, drop, drop,
Drip, drip, drop,
Drip, drip, drop.
Rain on my umbrella,
Rain on my umbrella,
Never stops.
Drip, drip, drop.

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Safety tip

Keep an eye on young children at all times when they are playing with water, especially in the tub.