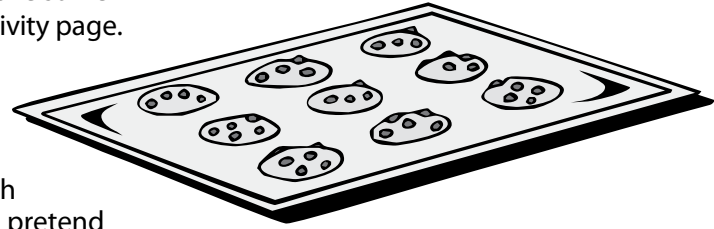


## Let's Pretend to Be Bakers

Children love to pretend. When you are not able to do a cooking activity, the children might enjoy being pretend bakers. Give them some plastic bowls and baking utensils to pretend to make cookie dough. Then they can make some pretend cookies and cookie sheets for this dramatic play baking activity page. Make sure each child has a turn during the story.



### What you need:

- Pieces of cardboard the approximate size of a cookie sheet
- Aluminum foil
- Construction paper
- Cookie cutters
- Pencil
- Safety scissors
- Washable craft glue
- Markers, crayons, tempera paint, glitter, paper scraps

### What to do:

- Cover the cardboard with aluminum foil to make a pretend cookie sheet.
- Place a cookie cutter on the construction paper and use a pencil to trace around it.
- Cut out the paper cookie cutter shape.
- Decorate the paper cookies using crayons, markers, paint, glitter, and paper scraps.
- Have the children glue their "cookies" to their pretend cookie sheets.

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## Action Play

Children need to be active every day. When you need indoor active play, try teaching the children chants or rhymes with lots of action in them. Here is one you can try:



### I Clap My Hands

I clap my hands,  
I touch my feet,  
And then jump up and down.

(Clap hands)  
(Bend over and touch feet)  
(Jump up and down)

I clap my hands,  
I touch my feet,  
And turn myself around.

(Clap hands)  
(Bend over and touch feet)  
(Turn around)

I clap my hands,  
I touch my feet,  
And then I touch my toes.

(Clap hands)  
(Touch feet)  
(Touch toes)

I clap my hands,  
I touch my feet,  
And sit myself right down.

(Clap hands)  
(Touch feet)  
(Sit down)

## Telling Stories

Everyone can take part in creating a story.

Have the children sit in a circle. You begin with the first line of the story: for example, "Once upon a time there were two friends who looked outside and saw a horse." Then the child next to you continues the story with another sentence or two. Continue around the circle until everyone has a turn. Write down the class story. When you are done, read it to the children.



### Extend the activity:

- Have the children make drawings about their story. Put these up around the room.
- Have the children act out their story. Give them some props to use.

## Strike Up the Band

Children love to make music. Form a kids' band. Every band needs some instruments. Start by making your own. Here are directions to make some simple instruments.

- **Rhythm blocks** - Glue pieces of sandpaper to two wooden blocks. The children can rub these together to follow the beat.
- **Kazoos** - Cover one end of a cardboard paper towel roll with a square of wax paper attached with a rubber band. Punch a hole with a pencil in the paper towel roll near the end with the wax paper. The children can hum into the open end to make music.
- **Cymbals** - Use two metal pan lids to make cymbals. Children love clanging these together when playing in their band!
- **Drum** - An empty oatmeal container makes a good drum. A wooden spoon can be used to beat the drum.
- **Shakers** - Staple two paper plates together and fill with dried beans. Attach this to a wooden craft stick. The children can decorate the plates before you staple them together.

Play a tape of children's music and have the children march around the room or outdoors in the yard playing their instruments in their very own band.

**\*Due to possible  
choking hazards, this  
activity is not  
recommended for  
children under three  
years of age.**

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