



## Digging for Letters

Bury some plastic letters in a bin of sand, flour, or rice. Children can dig for the letters. Have them name each one and the sound it makes when they find a letter.

## Writing Letters and Numbers

Use an old cookie sheet and cover it with cornmeal, flour, sand, or shaving cream. Children can practice drawing letters or numbers on the cookie sheet. If a mistake is made it can be covered up and tried again.

## Taking Measure

Give the children pieces of yarn or string of various lengths to measure things around the room. Label each one, then line them up from the shortest to longest to compare the sizes of things.

The children can also measure each other to see how tall they are. They can even measure their hands, feet, or fingers and compare sizes.

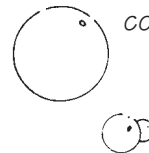


## Bubbling Over

Children love to blow bubbles. Try some creative ideas for bubble-making tools such as twisted pipe cleaners, slotted spoons, plastic berry baskets, old tennis or badminton rackets, or anything else you can think of.

Have the children pop bubbles in different ways such as with their nose, or with one finger, or with an elbow, or even with their head. A silly time can be had by all.

Easy to make bubble solution: 1 gallon cold water mixed with one to two cups of dish soap. (Dawn or Joy work best) Mix and store in an airtight container.



## CATCH SOME FUN AND THROW THINGS!

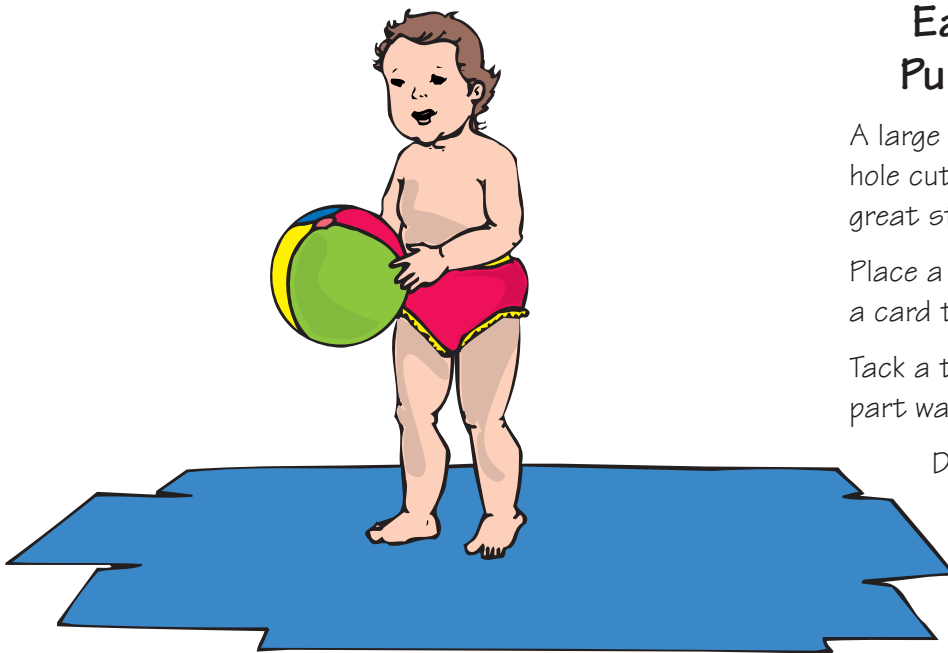
Make your own catching mitts for the children from plastic milk jugs with the bottoms cut off. Tape edges for safety.

Children can use soft foam balls to practice throwing and catching or make their own by crumpling up old newspapers.

Use old laundry baskets for the children to throw the balls or bean bags.

Draw large shapes on the sidewalk with sidewalk chalk. These can be squares, circles, or triangles. The children can toss beanbags into the shape.

Tape a large circle shape to the side of a building and have the children "aim" for the target. Place a cardboard box or laundry basket under the target and see if the ball or beanbag falls in.



# Puppet Fun

## Photo Puppets

Take full-length photos of the children. Cut these out and cover with clear self-stick paper to make them stronger. Glue a popsicle stick to the back of each. The children can use these over and over to tell stories about themselves and their friends. This is a great way for children to practice thinking, observation, and language skills.

## Easy to Make Puppet Stages

A large cardboard box with a hole cut in the side makes a great stage.

Place a blanket or sheet over a card table.

Tack a tablecloth or sheet part way up across a doorway.

Drape a sheet or cloth over two chairs.

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