



LITTLE SPROUTS TENT

Come play, create a harvest craft, listen to stories, dance and sing

Come to the Little Sprouts Tent for fun and child development.

<p>Eighteen Months of Age</p> <p>Gross Motor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Push and pull toys or other objects while walking • Squats to pick up a toy without falling <p>Fine Motor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has fun scribbling with large crayons • Stacks three or more blocks <p>Cognitive Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plays pretend - dress up • Follows directions when given without gestures <p>Examples: "Throw the ball", "Give me the tractor"</p>	<p><i>The following activities will help the Parent play their part in their child's Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notices familiar sounds such as cows mooing, truck or tractor motor, helicopters, etc. Imitate the noise and see if the child will imitate. Encourage your child by smiling or clapping. • Naming games Put toy farm animals in a bag and say "1-2-3 What do we see?" • Play favourite music - Encourage swaying, marching, hopping, clapping, etc. 
<p>Two Years Olds</p> <p>Gross Motor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walks backwards or sideways pulling toy. <p>Fine Motor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put objects into a small container; scoops and pours <p>Cognitive Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points to at least two familiar objects when asked, <p>Example: "Where is the cow and the sheep?"</p>	<p><i>The following activities will help the Parent play their part in their child's development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sing songs throughout the day and repeat them often. Leave out parts of the song or rhyme for the child to finish. • Play sorting games. Sort by shape, touch, colour and size. • Pour, scoop and dig in the forage bins filled with corn, barley, and canola seeds. • Provide toys that allow the child to push and pedal with their feet in a large space.
<p>Three Year Olds</p> <p>Gross Motor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps off the floor with both feet. • Stands on one foot briefly <p>Fine Motor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imitates drawing vertical and horizontal lines. <p>Cognitive Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to music or stories for 5- 10 minutes 	<p><i>The following activities will help the Parent play their part in their child's development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read to your child throughout the day. Choose books that are colourful and interesting. • Surprises! Hide different objects in a box or bag for a game of touch and tell. Take turns describing what's in the bag. • Play with other children, taking turns, sharing and cooperating. • Play Pretend - What Kind of a Farmer will you be?

<p>Four Year Olds</p> <p>Gross Motor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hops on one foot. <p>Fine Motor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snip paper with scissors; holds crayon and pencil correctly. <p>Cognitive Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asks lots of questions How? Why? 	<p><i>The following activities will help the Parent play their part in their child's development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell stories with a series of pictures and then let the child retell the story using the pictures. • Set up an obstacle course and practice many skills: running, crawling, balancing, hopping and jumping over. • Craft activities that include cutting, gluing, drawing, simple mazes and puzzles. • Play group games with simple rules: Examples: Duck Duck Goose, Farmer in the Dell etc.
<p>Five Year Olds</p> <p>Gross Motor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throw and catch a ball successfully most of the time • Starts, stops, and changes direction smoothly when running. <p>Fine Motor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draws lines, shapes and a few letters • Uses scissors to cut a thick line on paper <p>Cognitive Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tells long stories about past experiences • Share willingly with others 	<p><i>The following activities will help the Parent play their part in their child's development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through stories learn about the feelings of others. Characters have feelings and experiences, are afraid, and have problems to overcome. • Play using letters, numbers and colours. Examples: "I spy with my little eye three things that are red" or "I spy something that starts with B" • Practice activities with tracing, copying letters, shapes and numbers. • Board Games are fun! The child learns about rules, counting, winning and losing. 

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