



Approaches to Learning

Activity for 6 to 12 Months

Noisy Dumping

This activity stimulates children's curiosity in how noises are made and encourages them in making different noises. It also provides them with fine-motor practice and gross-motor practice if they crawl after the lids.

Materials:

- Numerous metal juice-can lids
- Basket or other container

What to do:

1. Place the basket filled with juice-can lids (the more the better) where the child is playing, preferably on a hard floor.
2. Help him put the juice-can lids back in the basket so he can repeat this loud action.
3. Substitute other safe, noisy objects.
4. Observe: Does the child dump the basket? Is he delighted at the loud noise? Does he go after the rolling lids and return them to the basket? Does he try to repeat it?

