

# Water Play



One of the warmest days we have had for awhile so we got the kiddy pool out. We filled the kiddy pool with a few buckets of water and changed the babies into their shorts. Jackson was so excited to get into the pool. He dipped his hands in the pool and splashed the water about. He giggled as the water splashed onto his face. He pointed to the water "do you want to go in" I asked. Jackson smiled and waved his hands in the air. I sat Jackson inside the kiddy pool. He kicked his legs in the water. I held his hands as he stood up in the pool. He crawled to the other side of the kiddy pool and pulled himself up and began to laugh.

## Benefits of Water Play

- Encourages children to play co-operatively with others
- Develops children's creativity
- Teaches problem solving skills
- Children improve co-ordination skills
- Develops child hand / eye co-ordination
- Gives children a understanding of cause and effect relationships

## Linking To The Framework

- Children Have a Strong Sense of Identity
- Children are Connected and Contribute to their World
- Children Have a Strong Sense of Well Being
- Children are Confident and Involved Learners
- Children are Effective Communicators

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### Principles

- Secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships
- Partnerships
- High Expectations and equity
- Respect for diversity
- Ongoing learning and reflective practices

### Practices

- Holistic approaches
- Responsiveness to children
- Learning through play
- Intentional teaching
- Learning environments
- Cultural competence
- Continuity of learning and transition
- Assessment for learning