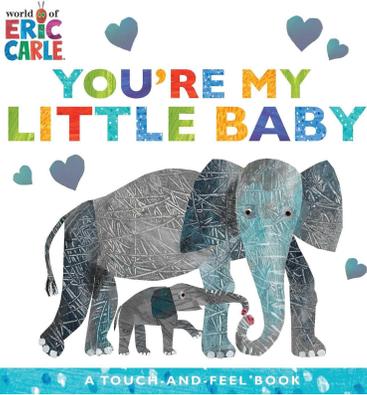


Fee, Fie, Fo, Fum!

Book to add to your child's library: *You're My Little Baby* by Eric Carle



BABY GAMES & LANGUAGE

Squeeze the Sponge

Give your child a sponge to squeeze, filled with water. (Make sure the sponge and water are clean, as he will probably try to put it in his mouth).

Fee Fie Fo Drums!

Make a soft drum for your child by using the bottom of an oatmeal cylinder or plastic storage dish. Practice beating the "drum" fast, slow, hard, and soft.

Let 'Em Fall

Take a deck of cards and count aloud to three. Then, throw the cards up in the air (away from your child) and say, "It's raining cards!" Your child will no doubt crack up as the cards fall down around her. (You can substitute the cards with large bits of torn paper.)

Empty Shoe Box

Give your child an empty shoe box with some small (but not small enough to choke on) objects to put inside and dump out again. Suggestions: plastic spice jars, tennis balls, apples.

EXPLORATION

Scavenger Hunt

Go through the house with your baby and help him find all the hands in the house. Find your hand, baby's hand, daddy's hand, hands on any stuffed animals or dolls, hands in books, etc.

Encourage your baby to move along to music, dancing, rocking, clapping, nodding or whatever. The more active involvement, the better.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Fee Fie Fo Fum

Fee fie fo fum
See my finger,
See my thumb,
Fee fie fo fum,
See my finger
Here it comes!
(gently tickle your child)

It's Raining, It's Pouring

(Clap baby's hand to rhyme)
It's raining, it's pouring
The old man is snoring
He bumped his head
When he went to bed
And couldn't get up in the morning.

I'm A Little Teapot

I'm a little Teapot
Short and stout,
Here is my handle,
Here is my spout.
When I get all steamed up
hear me shout,
Just tip me over
and pour me out.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING / BONDING

Let's Talk

As you are walking in the park, talk about the birds chirping, the kids on the swings and the dogs running. What sounds does the bird make? What is the child making in the sandbox? What color is the sky?

While shopping, talk about the fruits, vegetables and all your baby's favorite foods.

What shape is the orange?
What does the onion smell like?

As you bathe him, name his body parts and talk about how the water feels warm and the bubbles "pop."
Where are Baby's toes?
Where did the bubble go? Is the water getting colder?