



Bubble Fun

MOVE
PLAY &
LEARN

- Age** 18 months and older
- Materials** Bubbles
- Setting** Open space
- Description** Blow bubbles toward the toddler. Increase the fun by having the toddler chase the bubbles and try to catch or pop them. The toddler can poke at them with one finger, swat at them with a whole hand or try to catch them with two hands. Once the bubbles land on the ground, the toddler can try to stomp on them. Reinforce spatial concepts by blowing bubbles high and low and in front or behind the child.

Learning Outcomes

- Fine Motor Skills** The toddler uses hands and fingers to control objects to demonstrate increasing fine motor coordination. He or she develops fine motor skills through playing with toys and materials and increases eye-hand coordination skills. The toddler isolates fingers to poke or pop bubbles.
- Large Motor Skills** The toddler develops gross (large) motor skills such as running with coordination, balance and body awareness. He or she demonstrates increasing body control by running with ease, stopping and starting with precision.

- Did You Know?** Caregivers should provide daily opportunities for hands-on exploration and manipulation of materials to develop fine motor and object control skills during indoor and outdoor play (SHAPE America Recommended Practices). Hands-on exploration and manipulation of materials supports the development of fine motor and object-control skills. Caregivers should pay particular attention to providing appropriate toys and materials, and offering verbal encouragement.

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