

0-12 months

Music Time

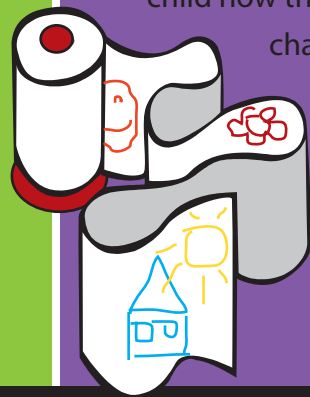
Babies love music and hearing you sing. As you are singing or listening to music with your baby, hold him and move to the rhythm or pat him gently in time to the music.



Age 1

Water & Marker Paint

Encourage your child to scribble a drawing onto a paper towel with a non-permanent marker (or draw a picture for her). Then give her a paintbrush and a bowl of water and let her "paint over the drawing with the water. Point out to your child how the picture changed as the darker lines bleed.



Age 2

Sink, Float, Dissolve

Fill a large bowl with water (or use your sink), and bring out assorted items for your child to place in it. Will the items sink, float or dissolve? Let him discover. Try a jar lid, sugar, a wooden spoon, a leaf, milk, a cork, etc.



Preschool

What Happened?

Show your child a magazine picture of an ordinary, everyday event, such as a man running, a child crying, a dog sleeping, or a broken down car. Ask him what is happening in the picture, what he thinks might have happened to cause this, or what he thinks might happen next.





To find out where you can see Leaf the Bookworm,
please visit **www.growingmindsread.org**
or call the Early Learning Coalition of SarasotaCounty
at **941-954-4830**.



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