

Reinforcing Toys and Activities

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FOR CHILDREN WHO PREFER A GREAT DEAL OF MOVEMENT

Swings - Push, higher, faster, let me go, spin

Laundry basket rides - push, go, faster, slower, stop

Spinning/"sit-n-spin", merry-go-round, spinning chair- up, spin, go, faster, down

Bouncing on Therapy Balls - up, down, go, ride

Riding rocking horses or riding on therapist's back - giddy-up, neigh, ride, horse

Trampoline - jump, stop, go, higher, stuffed animal names, characters to jump with child, hide, boo

FOR CHILDREN WHO PREFER DEEP PRESSURE AND/OR TICKLES

Hugs - hug, tighter, body parts

Tickles - tickle, body parts

Squish between pillows, mattresses, wrap in blankets

FOR CHILDREN WHO PREFER SMALL SPACES

Tents, large boxes, tunnels, blanket - in, out, "Pop Goes the Weasel", open, shut, dark, light, hide, peek-a-boo, sleep, wake, day, night

FOR CHILDREN WHO PREFER SPINNING OR MOVING OBJECTS

Tops, Gears, Wheels - put in, push, pull, turn on, turn off, requesting specific colors or sizes of items

Balloons - blow, bigger, colors, sizes

Bubbles - blow, sizes (based on wand size), "touchable bubbles", body parts, locations, open, in, wet

Colored Scarves - colors, locations, peek-a-boo, hide, out

FOR CHILDREN WHO PREFER SOUNDS

Music sticks, talking toys, instruments - fast, slow, loud, quiet, noisy, songs

FOR CHILDREN WHO PREFER LONG, NARROW OBJECTS (STICKS)

Music sticks - loud, quiet, fast, slow, share

Tubes - push, pull, in, out, long, short, heavy, light

Ribbon wands/glitter wands - around, up, down, long, short, colors

FOR CHILDREN WHO PREFER LIGHTS AND COLORS

Lite Brite - colors, objects names, locations

Flashlights - shine on/name objects, find, look, see, locations

Toys that light up, electronic games, glitter wands

Ooglies - on/off, laugh, funny, tickle, stop, question formation, body parts

FOR CHILDREN WHO PREFER SMELLS

Scratch & Sniff books, scented playdoh or markers - colors, smells, nose, objects



FOR CHILDREN WHO PREFER A VARIETY OF TEXTURES

Beans and Rice - hide, in, out, cover, full, empty, pour, big, little

Tension ball/ Koosh Balls - squeeze, hide, locations, open, in, out, big, little, throw, catch

Worms (squishy tubes that are hard to hold onto) or squishy balls - squish, in, out, stuck, slippery, soft, hard

Playdough - colors, objects (any cookie cutter shapes), sizes, roll, pound, squish, push, open, in, out

Bristle Blocks - build, tall/short, colors, shapes

Finger paint/shaving cream - colors, slimy, wet, objects painted, shapes

Books with textures

Sand - build, pour, wet, dry, in, out, under, hide, lost, find

PRETEND PLAY

Toys that can be used for symbolic play but also contain an element of cause-effect:

1. Horse stable with water pump
2. Kitchen with bubbling burners and water in sink
3. Dolls that can eat
4. Color changing food items
5. Velcro food items.

