

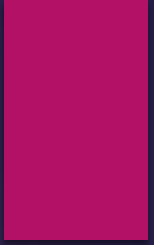
# Learning second language through play in kindergarten


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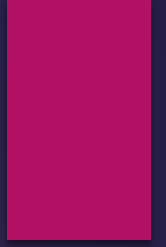


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- Teaching children in early development should be fun and creative.
  - A very important aspect at that age is working with hands. They like touching, squeezing, exploring, and rolling things with their hands.
  - The child's concentration is much better when they have something in their hands.
  - Attention span in these ages are very short ,for example
    - ❖ 3 to 4 years old, their attention span is 6 to 15 min
    - ❖ 4 to 5 years old, their attention span is 8 to 20 min
    - ❖ 5 to 6 years old, their attention span is 10 to 25 min
    - ❖ 6 to 7 years old, their attention span is 12 to 30 min
  - Children have different attention spans even with games. They cannot concentrate on long speech. We need to be short when we give them instruction.

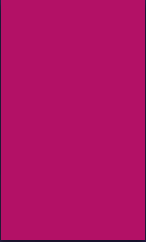
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- Play is an important part of a child's early development. It helps children build confidence, explore, create, and learn to express their emotions.
  - Playing helps young children's brains mature as they develop their language and communication skills. Also they develop their motor skills and help with problem solving.
  - Play gives children different sensory experience, both physical and cognitive.
  - Simple songs are connected with play and they are also important for them.
  - To help with this, I have brought today "Rhythm Sticks"

## RHYTHM STICKS

- We can use even chop sticks, wooden spoons, color pencils or even for fun you can just tell them to find something they can tap.
- It is important that all children have a pair of sticks before beginning.
- Rhythm sticks help me to create, play, and learn through music.
- They are easy to hold and manipulate with kids hands.
- Children develop: **GROSS MOTOR SKILLS** (action rhymes), and **FINE MOTOR SKILLS** (finger rhymes )



- Rhythm sticks are my student's favourite instruments, because they are simple, easy to use and, give them the opportunity to make their own music.
  
- I love the sticks because, so much can be done with just two little sticks:
  - ❖ developing hand-eye coordination
  - ❖ cross-lateral movement
  - ❖ creative thinking and problem solving
  - ❖ early brain development
  - ❖ language development and listening skills
  - ❖ directions
  - ❖ opposites (up-down, in front of–behind)
  - ❖ and vocabulary acquisition

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- Many of them have just gotten out of their comfort zone. They are totally different in their behavior.
    - ❖ The shy become confident.
    - ❖ The agitated become calm.
    - ❖ The lonely become included.
    - ❖ The quiet become heard.
  
  - Rhythm sticks help some to slow down and focus, while for others it helps them to be engaged in play.

I hope you found this to be  
informative, that you may find it  
useful in your activities!

Thank You.

