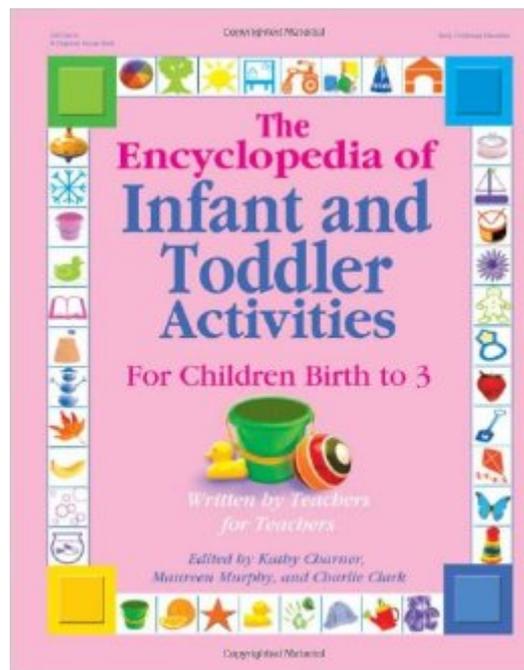


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# The Encyclopedia Of Infant And Toddlers Activities For Children Birth To 3: Written By Teachers For Teachers



## Synopsis

With over 300 activities written specifically for infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds, this book will captivate children's imaginations and create wonderful opportunities for learning. The result of a nationwide contest, these activities were selected as the best of the best, and are written by teachers, directors, and caregivers. Organized by time of day, teachers will love the easy-to-use format. Covering topics such as arrival and departure time, clean up, and transitions, the activities span a variety of developmental areas, including language, sensory, cognitive, social-emotional, and motor skills. Approved by teachers, and loved by children, this resource is sure to be a classroom favorite. Chapters include: Arrival, Cleanup, Departure, Discovery, Dramatic Play, Fine and Gross Motor, Fingerplays, Songs, and Rhymes, Games, General Tips, Language, Literacy, Math, Naptime, Outdoor Play, Science, Sensory, Snack, Social-Emotional, Transitions, Working With Families

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## Customer Reviews

This does say "For teachers, by teachers" on the cover so it isn't surprising most of the ideas are more suited for classroom settings. If you like to have a lot of resources as a parent, it's nice. For a teacher, it would be more useful.

When I first got this book I was bit disappointed since the activities look so simple that ANYONE

could've thought them up. the thing is that as time passes you find yourself doing the same activities and realize you need to freshen up your lesson plans. This book is great because it does just that. Gives you great ideas and reminds you the infants & toddlers require different things when learning. I love the way this book is set up and separated by area of interest (fine motor, gross motor, discovery, etc.) and then by age (infant, young toddlers, older toddlers) A MUST HAVE!

I am a preschool teacher who has taught kindergarten and 4 yr olds. Having been asked to take a new job with 2 and 3 yr olds was a lot more difficult than I thought! With all the choking hazards and lack of fine motor skills, it's hard to plan lessons. This book gives some excellent activity ideas. I loved it. My only negative thought is that the book doesn't really follow "themes", which almost all schools use these days. Still it's a great buy!

Have to say I expected more activities for the younger set than was actually in this book. I did find some of the activities to be worthwhile, however, I would recommend this book for children 2-3 more than Birth to 3. Activities for Birth to 1 are very few and far between.

Edited by Kathy Charner, Maureen Murphy, and Charlie Clark, *The Encyclopedia of Infant and Toddler Activities: For Children Birth to 3* is a compilation of activities written by teachers, for teachers, yet also useful as a tool for parents looking to spend quality educational time with their young children. Activities range from fine and gross motor practice, to fingerplays and rhymes, to fun with science, language and literacy enhancement, social-emotional training, and much more. Some activities require inexpensive materials; each lists the age group (Infants, younger toddlers, infants and toddlers, or older toddlers) appropriate for the activity, followed by straightforward step-by-step instructions. A superb resource especially for teachers, daycare providers, and babysitters. A sample activity is Eye Follow-Ups for infants; the materials are any bright-colored objects, and the steps are "1. Place a brightly colored object, such as a yellow block, in front of an infant's eyes. 2. Slowly move it to the left, then to the right, to let the infant's eyes follow it. Do it for only a few seconds."

I had bought this book as well as the toddler's Busy Book together, and I'm really impressed with the lay out of this book. I'm able to find activities with ease as this book is categorized and broken down by each of the different developmental areas. My kids never get bored, and most of the activities are simple to set up; they don't even require that many supplies.

When I purchased it, I was teaching Infants. After looking inside the book it was full with activities for toddlers for the most part. I gave it to the teacher for the Toddlers. She was very happy to get it. Great for Toddlers, not so great for Infants.

They have good practical activities but most can be found online if you just google toddler activities. It's more for a classroom setting it seems like but overall good ideas for toddlers if you don't know where to start.

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