



Social and Emotional Development Activity for 18 to 24 Months

Chair Line-Up

Not only are children involved in social play and getting ideas from each other, they also are engaged in simple dramatic play. They are learning to use objects (chairs) as symbols (vehicles), which is a cognitive activity, as well.

Materials:

- Child-size chairs that a child can lift and move

What to do:

1. Suggest this activity whenever there is a lull.
2. Have the child sit on the chair, make vehicle noises, and pretend to drive. (Give him a paper plate to use as a steering wheel.)
3. Lead him in guided dramatic play: "Where are we going?" "Let's drive to the grocery store."
4. Invite dolls and stuffed animals to come along for the ride. Cushions, pillows, and other items also could be lined up.
5. Throw a blanket over the chair to create a cave.

Join in the play!!

