



Music Smart



Toys	Maracas and bells	Goals	Concepts, language, rhythm, body awareness
Objectives	<p>Improve concept development (fast, slow, loud, quiet, shake, stop, go, up, down)</p> <p>Improve vocabulary development through action words, rhymes and songs</p> <p>Improve listening, imitation, turn-taking, and following directions</p> <p>Improve body awareness through song, dance and shaking of maracas and bells</p>		
Play Strategies/Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer the child a choice of the maracas or bells. Demonstrate fast shaking, slow shaking, shaking in a circle, shaking up and down. Say action words out loud (fast, slow, up, down, etc.). • Play your favorite music and the child's favorite music. Listen together and shake to the music. • Play "parade" and march around the house as you shake maracas and sing. • Use MILO to shake the maracas. Pretend MILO wants to share the maracas with the child. Say, "MILO's turn, my turn, and (child's name) turn", to demonstrate turn taking. <p>If you notice a strength in this area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit a music program at your library. Play different music during free play and chores, such as classical, folk or Broadway. 		