

INFANTS & ONES

SEARCHING FOR INFANT CURRICULUM IDEAS

Susan writes:

“What my fellow teachers and I need is help with finding a website, like yours, that is for teaching infants. We are having a hard time finding ideas for curriculum or ideas on family involvement. We need ideas on how to get parents to help us, like bring in pictures, etc.”

Jean replies:

There are many sites on-line that offer infant activities but these are always for parents. You could try incorporating some of these ideas into your curriculum. The reason you cannot find sites like mine for infants is because of the liability. As you know, infants put everything into their mouths and many things that are appropriate for twos and threes are just too dangerous for infants.

Try typing “Infant Activities” in a web search and you will find some of these parenting sites. Baby Food companies and Baby Product companies often have ideas. Your best bet for infant activities is to get a good infant activity book at your local library or book store.

As for getting parents to help you, you need to establish a partnership with parents. Try sending out a weekly or monthly flyer to parents with ideas on things they can do at home with their children, news of what you are doing in the center with their child, plus requests for materials from home.

I hope this helps, Jean Warren, Preschool Express