Activities for Youngest Learners

Early childhood learning is all about learning through play. Here are some suggestions to keep children busy, entertained and learning.

**Drawing**
- Self-portraits - Using a mirror, let the child draw themselves. Point out facial features like eyebrows and eyelashes. If they draw their whole body, add in some fashion design! Don’t be surprised if your child takes some liberties, i.e. “Yes, I do have green hair!”

**Dancing**
- Copy Dancing - One person dances while the others copy their moves. Kids love being the leaders, and imitation is, after all, the highest form of flattery.
- Musical statues – When the music stops, children have to freeze. If they move they are out of the game.
- Creating a dance routine – this is good for memory and co-ordination.

**Reading and Stories**
- Parents read picture books to the children and prompt them with questions
- Story go-round - Make up a cooperative story by letting each person add one sentence. Start with characters and a simple plot, like “a dog and cat went to the garden,” and let the children take it from there. The sillier, the better!

**Gardening**
- Kids love doing grown-up work, like watering plants, and they excel at playing with dirt.
- Want some new indoor greenery? Let the kids help you plant, pot and water them!
- They also love learning plant and flower names.
- They can take pictures of each stage and make a storyboard

**Recycling Things**
- They could use tins for the plants
- Make collages by recycle your old magazines and exercise the imagination, all in one! Let children choose and cut their favorite pictures out of newspapers (or help them). Then they glue them on paper, then draw and decorate all around it.