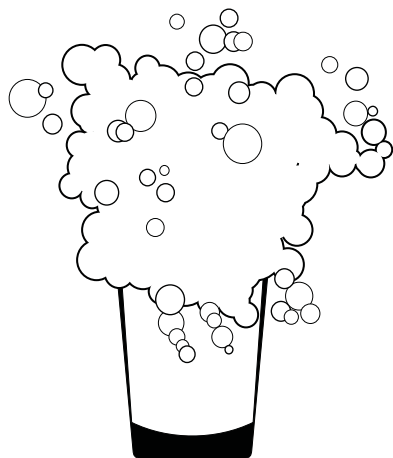

Bubbling Over Demonstration

Materials needed: Small glass of water, seltzer pieces, a paper towel under the glass.



INTRODUCTION:

Babies are *learning language* long before they start using words. They are listening to the sounds, words, and rhythms of conversation in their environment. They are gathering information about language. They take it in and gradually begin to imitate what they see and hear.

Just as a glass of water will bubble over, when you add more and more pieces of seltzer to the water, so also will a child's language "bubble over" when she hears her parent talk and the parent responds to the baby's efforts to communicate.

DROP A PIECE OF SELTZER INTO A GLASS OF WATER AS YOU MAKE EACH STATEMENT:

1. Your baby cries — you move closer to baby and ask, "what's wrong?"
2. Your baby smiles — you smile back.
3. Your baby coos — you listen and imitate his sounds.
4. You say "So Big!" and gently lift your baby's arms — you wait and watch; when your baby lifts his/her arms, you say "So-o-o Big!"
5. Your baby babbles — you say "aah, aah" with song and rhythm in your voice.
6. Your baby says "Da-Da" — you say "Daddy."
7. Your baby says "Doggy goed" — you say, "Yes, the doggy is gone."