

# Pamm's House Infant Activities for May

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Language Development</b></p> <p>Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake baker's man <i>(clap hands, help baby if needed)</i></p> <p>Bake me a cake as fast as you can</p> <p>Roll 'em and roll 'em and mark 'em with a B <i>(roll hands, trace letter on baby's hand)</i></p> <p>And toss 'em in the oven for baby and me</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cognitive Development</b></p> <p>Provide a wooden spoon and a large plastic bowl. "Pretend" to cook with Baby. Take turns "making" something. Even if baby is too young to grab the spoon, still demonstrate and pretend. Help baby hold the spoon, if willing. Add muffin tins, plastic eggs, measuring cups, etc. for older babies who need more.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fine Motor Skills</b></p> <p>Set baby where he/she can watch you blowing bubbles. Younger babies will just watch while older babies can try to touch or catch them. Be careful not to get in baby's eyes. Putting a large towel on the floor can help with slippery surfaces.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gross Motor Skills</b></p> <p>Bring out a laundry basket (you may want to put a blanket in the bottom). For mobile babies, let them climb in and out of the basket. Put a sitting and/or non mobile baby in the basket. Let older toddlers put stuffed toys in/out of the basket.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Music and Movement</b></p> <p>Break out your collection of toy instruments (either homemade or store-bought). Demonstrate how each one is used. If the baby is old enough, let him/her explore the instruments. Everyone play music together. Explore rhythms, too.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sensory</b></p> <p>Provide a tub of kitchen fabric: pot holders, oven mitts, placemats, napkins, wash cloths, kitchen towels, etc. These can be purchased at a thrift store or just gather a few things from your kitchen. Take time to feel and discuss the different textures. Help little ones who can't grab yet, to touch all the textures.</p>