



Lesson Plans for Look Look!

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“Children run, fish swim, stars shine...all for baby’s eyes to see. This sturdy board book, full of high-contrast black-and-white cut-paper art perfect for staring at, is just the thing for the eyes of the youngest babies. A few words in curving red type on each spread describe the scenes—a car races, a cat stretches, flowers bloom—and extend the book’s age appeal so that it will be fascinating to older babies, too.” - [Look, Look! by Peter Linenthal | Penguin Random House Canada](#)

Art

Little Artists

Even babies can create beautiful works of art! It can be relatively mess free too. All you need is paper (cardstock or some other sturdy paintable surface is best, you can even use cardboard), paint, and a large plastic baggie. Splatter some paint on the paper then place it in the baggie. Close it and place it in front of a child. Let them squish and move the paint around, exploring as long as they're interested. When they're done, remove the painting and let it dry! For extra fun, after it's dry, add a different color paint and give it to the child again.



Sensory

Sensory Bottles

An oldie but a goodie! Sensory bottles are always a popular option for babies and toddlers. The fun thing about them is they can be as simple or complicated as you want.

For a simple bottle, gather a water bottle, water, vegetable or baby oil, and food coloring. Add a color to the water. Fill the bottle about halfway with the color water and then slowly add the oil on top. (If you want the oil to be a different color, you'll need to use a gel-based food coloring) For security, you can glue or tape the bottle cap closed.

You can add things such as beads, plastic animals, pom poms, etc. to make the bottle more intriguing.

Literacy

Vocabulary

Look Look! has some excellent vocabulary words to explore with children. Print off the cards below and add them to your walls for little fingers and hands to explore.

Board Books

Exposure to literature is essential to the development of early literacy in children. Remember, there's no law that says you need to finish a book! So, if your students "read" one page and move on to something else, that's one more positive experience they can associate with books and words.



STEM

Mirror Play

Mirrors are always a popular toy for babies and toddlers. They provide a host of learning experiences for children as well. *“By gazing at themselves and you in a mirror, your child can learn to identify familiar faces, track movements and even develop their fine muscles as they reach and roll toward their reflection during tummy time.”* - [Babies and mirrors: Why mirrors are good for your baby's development - BBC Tiny Happy People](#) You can also use items with reflective surfaces, such as metal bowls, aluminum foil, or even a disco ball.



Social Emotional

Photos for the Children

Babies and toddlers quickly learn the faces of their loved ones and care givers. Having printed pictures on display in their classrooms is an easy and effective way to engage them when family members aren't there. Ask families to email pictures to you for printing or bring in copies of photos they already have. Display them in your classroom and refer to them daily with your students.



Blocks

Cardboard City

Again, an oldie but a goodie. Children love cardboard boxes. Have a collection of various sizes of cardboard boxes in your classroom. Little boxes with lids (such as gift boxes or jewelry boxes), boxes with flap lids, delivery boxes, giant boxes from home improvement stores. Cut holes in the big boxes so you can thread things through, such as

scarves or fabric. Hide toys in the smaller boxes for little hands to fish out and explore. Let cardboard boxes be your best friend! The nice thing is that they're easy to replace when they get destroyed. [Cardboard Box Maze and Play Tunnel | Inspiration Laboratories](#)



Drama

Puppet Shows

Puppets are a magical tool when it comes to working with children. The best part? Puppets can be made with a variety of household items. Socks? Excellent. Brown paper bag? Perfect. Draw some eyes on with a permanent marker and you're good to go. You can make them as fancy as you want to, as well! Use felt, yarn, colorful fabric, paper scraps, pom poms, and googly eyes. Have your puppets talk to the children or to each other. Make up stories and use voices. Your class will be captivated.



Music

Freegal Music at NPL

The library has so much more than books, including music available for streaming! You just need your library card number and pin in order to log in. Here is a direct link to the site: [Freegal Music](#)

Take some time to explore the site and discover the wide variety of genres available. Tired of the nap time music in your class? Check out the classical section. Have you heard the song about baby sharks one too many times? There's a children's section!

As always, preview your selections prior to playing them for your tiny humans.



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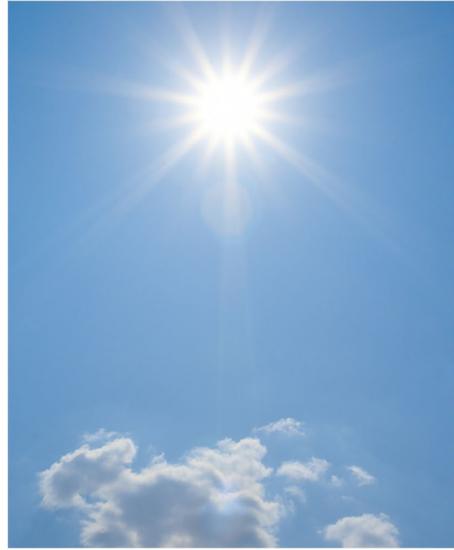
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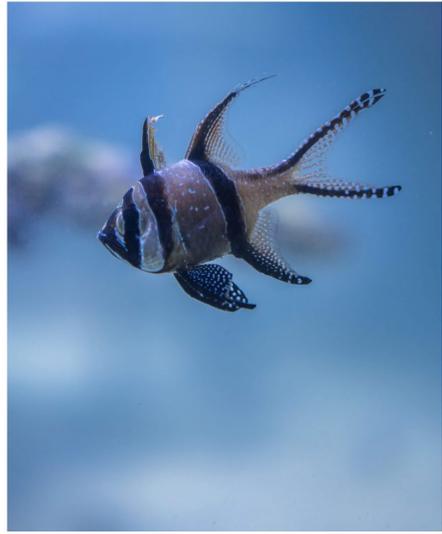
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