Science
Understanding the world around us, including living things, the earth and space and energy

What adults can do...

Encourage
- Exploring
- Experimenting
- Investigating
- Learning about Living Things

Infants and Toddlers
Be excited about their discoveries. Point out the things they see, hear or feel. "You saw the bird fly down from the nest to get food for its babies! Wasn't that exciting?"

Answer their questions. Encourage them to ask about things they want to know.

Make sure they have many different kinds of experiences. Find opportunities to explore new places, see nature and investigate.

Preschoolers
Give them toys that they can use to explore. Boxes, balls, ramps, bubbles, magnets, containers, magnifying glasses, etc.

Grow things. Plant seeds and talk about what will happen and what seeds need to grow.

Go outside. Look at the sky, trees, plants, animals...collect things and talk about them.

Ask questions. "What do you think will happen next?" "What do you see?"

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