

# ECC

Areas of Early Learning and Development



## 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?”

