How is my Baby/Toddler Learning About Science?

Science is knowledge that comes from observation, study and experimentation. Science is everywhere in our program. We are always encouraging children to study and experiment with real objects to discover answers, and inspire their curiosity for future learning.

Even babies are budding scientists. They learn by using their five senses. We provide materials of different textures, sounds and colors so babies can discover differences in objects. Round balls, soft blankets, prickly plastic squish toys, large plastic beads, jingle toys or bells, rattles, bright scarves, wooden spoons or toy cars are a few examples.

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