

CONNECT TO THE CLASSROOM

Encourage Observation

In the infant 2 video, the teacher is encouraging young children to observe bubbles. Teachers can help children learn by encouraging them to observe specific objects, actions, and events. They can also help children put words to their observations. The teacher in the video encourages observation by:

- using children's names to gain their attention
- providing an interesting activity like blowing bubbles
- directing the children's attention to a bubble on one child's head

Practice applying the key strategies demonstrated in this interaction on your own:

- Provide interesting things for children to engage with.
- Provide activities that encourage comparing and matching objects.
- Narrate actions, and events, and explain how things work.

When you are finished, reflect on the following questions:

1

What did you do to encourage observations?

2

How did the children respond?
What specifically did they do?

3

What was challenging?
What were roadblocks to encouraging observation?

4

What could you have done differently to encourage observation?

