CONNECT TO THE CLASSROOM

Invite Participation Activity

During the Show Me Your Feet activity video, the teacher used a laminated paper figure to encourage children to participate in an active learning game using their bodies. This kind of active play helped children to gain understanding and learn to follow directions. The teacher used the following strategies to engage children while inviting participation to build language:

- Labeled body parts (hands and feet) and modeled actions (stomp, shake)
- Repeated words and actions clearly
- Invited children to follow directions and act out actions

Practice applying the key concepts demonstrated in the Show Me Your Feet activity on your own:

- Begin by **showing laminated paper figure** to the children to talk about hands and feet.
- Ask children to show their feet while you model.
- Ask children to stomp and shake their feet while you **demonstrate or show** how to stomp and shake.
- Give **simple directions** in a warm, enthusiastic voice and praise children's efforts to share what you know.

When you are finished reflect on the following questions:

1. What body parts did you label and demonstrate ?

2. How did you use your voice to draw attention to your labels and actions?

3. How did the children respond to demonstrating the actions? Did they follow the directions?

4. What additional body parts and movements could you have used during the interaction to support language during this type of play? Try these next time.

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