**Bubbles!**

A Storytime program for preschool aged children.

**Books to Read**

Bubble Bubble  
Mercer Mayer

Pop! A Book About Bubbles  
Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Bubble Trouble  
Hulme, Joy  
Bubbles grow and flow, fly in the sky, and pop, but dipping the stick and blowing can make more.

Clifford Counts Bubbles  
Bridwell, Norman  
Clifford the small red puppy counts from one to ten while playing with bubbles.

Soap Bubble Magic  
Simon, Seymour  
Explains what soap bubbles are, how they are formed, and what can be done with them.

Tubtime  
Woodruff, Elvira  
The O'Mally sisters' bubble bath has some scary moments when they realize their bubbles contain chickens, frogs, and a mean, hungry alligator.
Songs and Fingerplays from http://fingerplays-b3ok.blogspot.com

Pop! Goes the Bubble
To the Tune of: Pop goes the Weasel
Soap and water can be mixed.
To make a bubble solution.
Carefully blow. Now, watch it go!
Pop! Goes the bubble!

The Bubble Song
One little, two little, three little bubbles
Four little, Five little, Six little bubbles
Seven little, Eight little, Nine little bubbles
Ten little bubbles go pop, pop, pop, pop
Pop those, pop those, pop those bubbles
Pop those, pop those, pop those bubbles
Pop those, pop those, pop those bubbles
Ten little bubbles go pop, pop, pop, pop

Bubbles
To the Tune of: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Bubbles floating all around
(pretend to catch bubbles)

Bubbles fat and bubbles round
(make a big circle with your arms)

Bubbles on my toes and nose
(point to toes and point to nose)

Blow a bubble...up it goes!
(pretend to blow bubble; point up)

Bubbles floating all around.
(pretend to catch bubbles)

Bubbles falling to the ground.
(say slowly & sink to ground)
**Songs, fingerplays continued**

**So Many Bubbles!**

Bubbles, bubbles in the air,
(wiggle fingers in the air)

Swirling, twirling everywhere
(move hands in circles)

Some are big
(make a big circle with hands)

Some are small
(make a small circle with hands)

See if you can pop them all!
(pretend to pop bubbles with pointer finger)

**Project Ideas:**

**Bubble Painting**

**Materials Needed:**

- Tempera Paint
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Paper
- Drinking Straws

**Instructions:**

Stir together 1/2 cup water, 1-2 tablespoons paint, and 1/2-1 tablespoon dish soap; pour it into a shallow dish, such as a pie pan. Place one end of a straw in the paint/soap mixture and gently blow to make bubbles. Blow until the bubbles are almost over the edge of the pan. Place a piece of paper on top of the bubbles and hold it in place until several bubbles have popped and transferred their shape onto the paper - this makes a fun bubble print! Continue the process with different colors if you want. Blow more bubbles as needed. Set aside to dry. When dry, you can add drawings to your bubble pictures if you want.
Bubble Wrap Prints

From the website http://www.incredibleart.org
Unit: Printmaking
Age Level: Toddlers and up

Background

Easy Art idea from First Art: Art Experiences for Toddlers and Twos, a book of art for toddlers, but all kids love bubble wrap prints! In a nutshell, spread paint on bubble wrap and then press paper onto the bubble wrap to lift a print. Full directions below:

Bubble Wrap Print
Bubble wrap is fun to explore, feeling the puffy bubble pouches and noisily popping them. After exploring, bubble wrap becomes an intriguing printing material with unusually beautiful results.

Materials

* Newspaper
* Bubble wrap (any size bubbles), approximately 9" x 12" (23 x 30.5 cm) or larger (Note: big bubbles make big dots, and little bubbles make little dots)
* Masking Tape * Tempera Paint * Shallow baking pan * Brushes

Prepare: (Adult)

1. Cover a table with newspaper, if needed, then place a sheet of bubble wrap on the table, taping down corners to hold.
2. Place a shallow baking pan next to the bubble wrap. Put several puddles of different colors of paint in the pan. Place a paintbrush next to the pan. If needed, place loops of masking tape to keep it from sliding around the table.
3. Have a stack of extra paper handy for multiple prints. Be sure the paper is larger than the wrap.

Process: (Child)

1. Paint directly on the bubble wrap with as many colors as desired. The more colors, the merrier!
2. When the bubble wrap is covered with colors, press a sheet of paper onto the bubble wrap and lift off a multi-colored print.
3. Remove the print to a drying area and repeat with fresh paper. If bubble wrap becomes murky with color, simply wipe it off with a wet sponge and begin again.

Tips:

• Allow children to explore feeling and popping the bubble wrap before expecting them to paint on it. Who can resist popping those clear, smooth bubble pouches? Let children pop and play first and the painting activity will go much more smoothly.
• Toddlers and twos are often more captivated by mixing the paints in the baking pan than painting on the bubble wrap.

Weather permitting: Go outside and blow bubbles at the end of the storytime.

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