

Home School

The Laugh & Learn™ Learning Home™ is a place that's full of fun, and full of great ways for babies to learn ... from letters and numbers to fascinating everyday experiences. Here are some ways you and your baby can play together with this toy.

- **Identify the different play features** as baby explores and discovers them. “That’s the mailbox. You found the sunshine. There’s the doorbell!”
- **Remember to use descriptors.** Describing features and actions helps your child understand language and meaning. “The rainspout is **TALL**. The balls come **down** the rainspout. The flower is **red**, let’s try to spin it **around** and around.”
- **Demonstrate how to sort the shapes.** This may be tricky at first, so begin with the circle. Your child may experience most success with the round shape.
- **Encourage early role play.** Ask your baby to ring the doorbell and open up the door to see you on the other side. Open the mailbox and ask, “Did you get mail today?”

Laugh & Learn Every Day

Your baby’s learning takes place during familiar, everyday experiences. Here are some ideas for teachable moments:

Relate the features in baby’s Laugh & Learn Home to your own home. “Let’s go get the mail from our mailbox. Should we open up our window to see what’s outside?”

Talk about the different noises throughout your house—walk around the house and point out the interesting and fun noises you can make. Ring your doorbell, turn on the radio, and push the beeping phone buttons. Each action–reaction activity helps teach baby about cause and effect.

Point out different things you see when outside on a walk. “Look at the pretty flowers!” or “That is a blue house.”

Introduce routines. Explain what’s happening and what you will do next. “After we play, it’s time for a snack.”
Fostering language and routines lets your child know what to expect.

