

## Pattycake and Peekaboo Why are they so Important?

Pattycake – sitting face to face with your child on your lap is a simple little game that is so very, very important. Why?

- A sense of warmth
- A sense of comfort
- A social endeavor
- Back and forth turn-taking happens
- Full attention
- Imitation of clapping hands
- Joyful
- Eye contact
- Rhythmic
- Repetitive
- Predictable
- Rhyming
- Clapping

Peekaboo – simply hiding behind a cloth or obstacle and popping out unexpectedly again is so very, very important

- Learn object permanence – you're not really gone!
- Predictable
- Repetitive
- Turn-taking
- Social interaction with another
- Change roles of hider and seeker
- Full attention
- Joyful
- First easy word – 'peek' or 'boo'
- Can play with pitch control
- Sense of belonging
- Finding someone – problem solving