

## ***Pattycake and Peekaboo***

***Pattycake*** is a simple game that is so very, very important. Sitting face to face with your child on your lap clapping hands and singing. Why is this so important?

***Pattycake*** creates and develops:

- A sense of warmth
- A sense of comfort
- A sense of belonging
- A social endeavor
- Back and forth turn-taking
- Full attention
- Imitation of clapping hands
- A joyful experience
- Eye contact
- Rhythmic responses
- Repetitive responses
- Predictable responses
- Rhyming
- Eye hand coordination

***Peekaboo*** is simply hiding behind a cloth or obstacle and popping out unexpectedly. It is so very, very important. Why? ***Peekaboo*** creates and develops:

- Object permanence – you're not really gone!
- Predictable outcomes
- Repetitive outcomes
- Turn-taking
- Social interaction with another being
- Changing roles of hider and seeker
- Full attention
- A joyful experience
- First easy word – 'peek' or 'boo'
- Play with pitch control
- Sense of belonging
- Early problem solving
- A sense of warmth
- A sense of comfort

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