



Ideas to Share



Pool Playtime Ideas



Play pools are wonderful for various activities with young children. Kids love to play in water, and it's a great way to cool off! For a child who needs support in sitting upright, try using a bath ring seat in the play pool. If greater support is needed there are a variety of bath and/or waterproof seats available through Sammons Preston (<http://www.sammonspreston.com/> or 1 800 323 5547). Don't forget pool noodles, blow-up rings, etc. Sometimes a combination of supports (ring seat, pool noodles, neck supports, etc.) can be the answer. Seating support helps the child be more independent, and allows the adult to face the child to play splash games or to assist with toys.

Big Pool Ideas...

- 1) Use a combination of pool noodles, weights and float rings to find what works for the child.
- 2) A hula-hoop around the child keeps small items close at hand. It floats and keeps toys within easy reach of the child.
- 3) Although the floatation devices in special needs catalogues such as Sammons Preston, etc. are great and work well, sometimes a combination of pool noodles, weights and float rings from Target or Wal-Mart work just as well. Some swimsuits can be purchased that have floatation devices built-in.
- 4) Noodle seats can be purchased in most places carrying pool supplies. They are made of mesh, and a noodle slips through one side. The noodle is then bent and straps in the front of the seat slide on the edges to form a floating mesh seat. A second noodle can be threaded through the side spaces to provide more floatation.

Note: Seating support is not a substitute for supervision. Never leave a child unattended.

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