

DOMAIN 1: APPROACHES TO LEARNING AND COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT**SUB-DOMAIN: COGNITION AND COGNITIVE PROCESSES****REPRESENTATIONAL THOUGHT AND PLAY****GOAL 14: CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN EXPLORATORY PLAY.**

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
16 to 38 Months	Use sensory motor play to extend the use of materials in functional ways.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Matches and sorts by single attributes. ▪ Uses simple tools (scoops, funnels, shovels, buckets). ▪ Is aware of self when playing in front of a mirror. ▪ Initiates play with another child through gestures, offering toys, smiling, and eye contact. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide a safe environment for exploring and movement. ▪ Provide opportunities, both indoors and outdoors, for physical activities (climbing, jumping, dancing, and movement) both alone and with peers. ▪ Provide tactile materials for exploration (sand, water, play dough). ▪ Provide tools and opportunities for digging, pouring, stacking, and picking up. ▪ Rotate toys and provide enough to avoid some conflicts. ▪ Offer musical experiences where children move their bodies, including introducing a variety of musical styles, styles of music, slow and active songs, and dance and movement activities. ▪ Provide malleable materials (play dough, clay, art materials).