

MOTOR IMITATION SKILLS!

Children need to IMITATE what we do in order to teach them how to talk.

Early on, the focus is on the actions. Use gentle hand-over-hand assistance to help the child be successful with their actions. Preferred songs and finger plays can be highly motivating for young children. Promotes fun adult-child interactions and encourages imitation skills.

Suggested Motor Imitation Targets:

- Clap hands
- Blow a kiss
- Bang blocks
- Fly a toy plane
- Knock blocks down
- A-choo game
- Stir with a spoon
- Pound a hammer
- Roll a ball
- Stomp feet
- Wave
- Knock on door
- Stick out tongue
- Push toy car
- Make toy animals walk
- Gestures/signs
- Put on a hat
- Pat a baby doll

Finally, sing songs with hand motions! Songs and finger plays can be valuable tools for developing motor imitation skills.