Early Literacy Activity

Lids for Learning!

Learning to grasp and turn everyday items builds the muscles in Baby's hands, getting them ready for holding writing tools later!

Gather a variety of clean food containers with lids (jars, bottles, cartons):

The more variety in the size and shape of the containers, the more practice there is for developing hand muscles.

Off and On: Encourage
Baby to take the lids off and
put them back on as many
times as they are interested
in doing so.



Just hold it...Even
very young infants can
practice their grip.
Instead of bottles or
jars, encourage them
to grasp your hand or
finger... Not only does
this strengthen the
muscles in their
hands, it strengthens
the bond between
Baby and you, too!

Supervision Recommended

Depending on their size, lids could be a potential choking hazard. Play alongside Baby to help keep them safe!

Build a Reader Every Day: READ—WRITE—TALK—SING—PLAY