

Math

- The nursery student can learn about counting and numbers by pretending to feed the dolls with a specific number of pieces of play food or counting the number of steps while walking the dolls.
- They can practice sorting and grouping by arranging the doll's clothes by color or size.
- By pretending to measure the dolls with a measuring tape, the student can begin to understand the concept of measurement and size.

Physical Education

- The activity can promote physical movement as the student takes the dolls for a walk, teaches them to dance, or practices gentle exercises with the dolls sitting down to mimic a baby yoga class.
- It encourages the development of fine motor skills through actions such as dressing and undressing the dolls.
- Students can practice coordination by playing games such as catching a soft ball with the dolls or balancing dolls on their shoulder while walking.

Science

- This activity can teach the student about caring for others as they pretend to bathe, feed, and diaper the dolls, which promotes a basic understanding of hygiene and caring for others.
- They can learn about cause and effect as they pretend to nurse the dolls back to health when they are "sick" or comfort them when they are upset.
- The student may start to understand concepts of life cycles and growth as they pretend to put the dolls to sleep and discuss the need for rest and growth.

Social Studies

- By role-playing different family scenarios, the student can learn about family structures and relationships, promoting understanding and empathy for different family dynamics.
- The activity can introduce the concepts of community and care for others as the student takes the dolls to "visit" neighbors or play pretend shopping with them at a market, thereby introducing the concept of community interaction.
- As the student engages in nurturing and caring for the dolls, they learn about empathy, compassion, and taking responsibility for others' well-being, helping to build a foundation for understanding social dynamics.

It is important to encourage the continued development of imagination and creativity as the student plays with baby dolls. Provide different scenarios and prompts for role-playing with the dolls, such as going on adventures, exploring different cultures, or having the dolls take on different professions. Reinforce positive social skills by encouraging the student to include other children in their play and take turns caring for the dolls with their friends.

Book Recommendations

- [The Best-Ever Big Sister](#) by Karen Katz: This book celebrates the joys of a new baby, highlighting the role of a big sister and fostering a sense of responsibility and caring.
- [Baby Goes to Market](#) by Atinuke: This book is a delightful introduction to different fruits, counting, and the bustling Nigerian marketplace, encouraging an understanding of different cultures and community interaction.
- [The Baby's Catalogue](#) by Janet and Allan Ahlberg: This charming and funny picture book provides a snapshot of the life of a baby, allowing children to observe and understand the daily routines and activities of babies.

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