Playing with Swings

EARLY INTERVENTION WITH YOUR YOUNG CHILD

Every child is different. Do what works best for encouraging your child's independent exploration during this suggested activity.



About this activity:

When at the playground, help your child think about how they can change how high the swing goes while swinging at the playground. For example, giving your child a big push on the swing will help them go higher.

STEM learning area:

Physical Science - Forces & Motion (concepts related to objects moving, how they move, and how to make them move)

- **Forces & Motion Maker:** Children intentionally move objects with different types and amounts of force, use inclines, or create collisions. They choose certain objects and surfaces based on how easily they facilitate motion.

What can I say?:

- "You went higher and faster on the swing when I gave you a big push!"
- "I wonder how we can move the swing higher? Can you help me? Should we give it a little push or big push?"
- "Wow, that push you made had [a lot/a little] force!"
- "Up and down, back and forth, this swing is moving fast!"

Ideas to support my child's goal:

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