

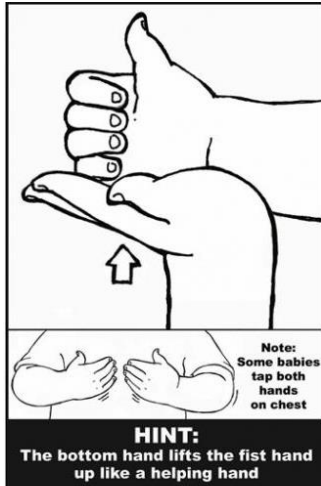
ASL: American Sign Language

Unit 4 Curriculum Support for Infants & 1YOs

(January 16 – March 10)

Infants commonly get frustrated because they are unable to communicate their wants and needs with their care giver. When infants learn sign language before they are able to talk, they are able to communicate in an appropriate way. Research also shows that children who learn sign language early also begin to speak earlier!

**** Please also review and continue to integrate the signs introduced in Units 1-3**



Sign Babies



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Sign: Help

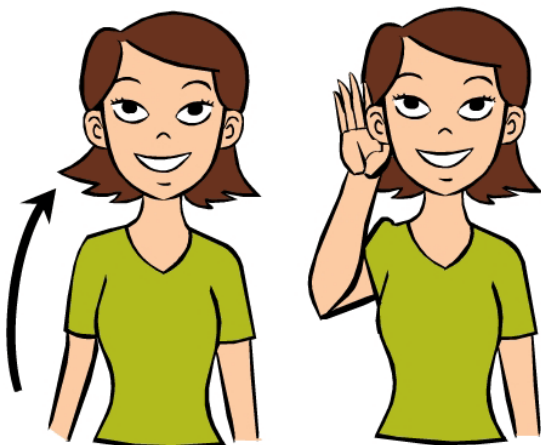
This sign will give little ones the autonomy to communicate and decide when they need a helping hand.

Sign for your children while asking “Do you need help?” before you help them.

Sign: Ball

Little ones love ball play! Before and during play, invite children to sign “ball” by asking “Do you want the ball?” and signing at the same time.

Soon, they will be letting you know that they would like to play with the ball.



Sign: Hear/Listen

Whether it is preparing for story time, singing a song during a transition, or pointing out a new sound outdoors, you can use this sign to alert little ones that they should be listening for something.

“Listen to my story....”

“Do you hear the birds outside?”



Sign: Be Safe

Introduce children to one of our universal classroom rules "Be Safe." Children will revisit as they move up to the preschool and pre-K programs so this early exposure is so important! Introduce this sign while referencing your posted pictorial rules so that children associate the two together. [Visit the link HERE for a video demonstration.](#)



Sign: Be Kind

Similar to "Be Safe," above, introduce this sign while referencing your posted pictorial rules. Then, revisit them as they surface (as you say them) in your classroom naturally. [Visit the link HERE for a video demonstration.](#)



Sign: Cold

With the colder weather upon us, invite children to use the sign for cold to show you when they are feeling cold. Introduce this sign by touching something cold (for example: an ice cube) and saying "cold" then show them the sign. Reinforce this sign by using it while going outside.