

MUSICAL TENNIS, ANYONE?

I SERVE; YOU RETURN

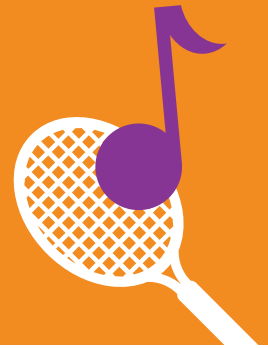
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What is Serve & Return and why is it important?

- Serve & Return is the back-and-forth interaction between a child and adult.
- Children need live interactions, including feedback to their responses: The most important thing to remember when working with young children is to OBSERVE them.
- If children do not receive Serve & Return in early childhood, brain architecture may be interrupted and physical, mental, and emotional health could be impaired.

“I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning.”

-Plato



Serve & Return...

- Connects a child to an adult by making them feel safe and loved.
- Teaches a child about communication.
- Helps caregivers assess a child's skill level and allows them to build upon it.
- Provides essential positive reinforcement to the brain.
- Builds and strengthens neural pathways to enhance all areas of development.

Benefits of “Musical Tennis”

- Offers a fun and easy way to teach caregivers about Serve & Return interactions.
- Builds special rituals into daily routines, enhancing a child's sense of security.
- Lights up ALL areas of the brain.
- Helps the body and mind work together.
- Helps children build language skills (through repetition, rhythm, and rhyme in songs).
- Acknowledges that babies can recognize melody before they recognize lyrics.

Highlighted Songs and Activities:

“Great Big House” (mirror dancing with a partner)

“Sourwood Mountain” (egg shaker scaffolding)

“Skinnamarink” (bounce & stop/go)

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