

# Pride Academy Early Learning Institute

September  
Week 2



## Infant Teacher Overview

**Theme:** Rainbow of Fruits

**Shape:** Octagon **Color:** Purple **Number:** 8

**Letter:** Bb

This week, infants will explore the theme of fruits through sensory play, songs, movement, and simple read-alouds. Activities are designed to build early communication skills, support social-emotional connections, and encourage curiosity using the five senses. Infants will engage in tummy time with fruit visuals, fingerpainting with purple, puppet play, and listening to music. Teachers will highlight the color purple, the letter Bb, the number 8, and the octagon shape during daily routines. Centers and small group play will focus on nurturing infants' curiosity, developing motor skills, and creating warm, responsive interactions.



### Instructional Goals

- Expose infants to early literacy through fruit-themed board books and picture cards.
- Develop phonemic awareness by repeating and modeling the /b/ sound.
- Support early math exploration by counting during routines, ball play, and fingerplay songs.
- Encourage sensory discovery through textured toys, fruit-scented bottles, and touch-and-smell experiences.
- Introduce cultural awareness by showing simple maps and fruit pictures from around the world.
- Build social-emotional security through mirror play, peekaboo, lap songs, and gentle cuddles.
- Promote creative expression with music, scarf dancing, puppets, and safe art.
- Strengthen physical development with tummy time, reaching, ball play, stretching, and crawling activities.

### Book of the Week

- *Eating the Alphabet*



*Infants will enjoy listening to bright, simple fruit-themed stories read aloud in small groups. Teachers will focus on showing pictures slowly, repeating key fruit names, and emphasizing the letter Bb. Infants will be encouraged to watch, reach, and babble as they engage with the books.*

### Teacher Tips

- Keep all activities short, sensory, and engaging to match infant attention spans.
- Use repetition of simple words like "banana," "ball," and "purple" throughout routines.
- Provide infant-safe props (rattles, scarves, shakers, soft fruit toys) for exploration.
- Narrate actions during play ("You are rolling the ball," "I see the purple scarf") to build language.
- Encourage floor play and tummy time daily, supported with fruit visuals and textures.
- Assess: Note each infant's responses, such as eye tracking, reaching, babbling, and attempts to imitate sounds or movements.