

the early learners box

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a note for grownups

We are so excited for your child(ren) to experience the Early Learners Box.

While these activities do have certain objectives, remember there is no right or wrong way to engage with them. Let your child(ren) play freely with the materials available in each box. This will promote problem solving, imaginative play, exploration, and may just result in some brilliant ideas!

We hope your child(ren) enjoy the box! If you have any questions, please email us at hello@otter.ly

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Scan the QR code above or visit [otter.ly/elsub321](https://www.otter.ly/elsub321) to watch the video guides for this month's box including:

- Welcome + Unboxing
- A Video Guide for Grown-Ups
- Virtual Play Dates with Miss Anna



how does this box help?

Each Otterly Early Learners Box targets an array of essential developmental skills to meet your child where they are on their journey of becoming.

This month's box includes activities that help with:

- emotional identification
- empathy
- social literacy
- facial mirroring
- self-awareness
- seriation skills
- problem-solving
- higher-order thinking

**"play is the work
of childhood."
-fred rogers**



setup guide

• **Emotion Mirroring Mat:** Set the mat inside the tray. Remove the protective covering from the mirror and place the mirror in the wooden stand next to the activity mat.

Side 1: Children can look into the mirror and replicate the faces being made by the children in the photos.

Side 2: Children can use a dry erase marker to connect the emotion words to the corresponding emotion face. Additionally, they can use this side to practice expressing the emotions listed in the mirror.

• **Size Ordering Mat:** Set the mat inside the tray and place the materials in the small bowls provided.

Side 1: Children can place objects in the shapes in order of size (smallest to biggest, and biggest to smallest).

Side 2: Children can fill or outline the shapes with the objects from the box (or any other materials you have).