TUG & PULL BOXES

This is a great activity for older babies to keep their hands busy and work on their fine motor skills, teaching cause and effect and developing spatial understanding by making sense of the exterior and interior of an object. Babies naturally love pulling things to see what will happen!

MATERIALS
- cardboard box
- Ribbons, rope, string, shoe laces

HOW TO PLAY
You can make tug and pull boxes out of just about any cardboard box. Try varied sizes -- small boxes work great, or you could add tug and pull ribbons to a larger box that your baby can explore inside!

Cut small holes throughout the box and thread string, ribbon, rope, or laces through the holes. Tie a large knot at each end to keep the strings from slipping out.

Safety tip: Always supervise children with small objects. String and ribbon can be a choking hazard for younger babies.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!
- Let your baby explore the textures of the ribbon and knots. Are they soft/bumpy/prickly/shiny/smooth? Describe items they are drawn to: “That ribbon is smooth and shiny!”
- Expand their vocabulary: use words like pull, push, tug, through, open, close, etc.