

Engaging Activities about Spring!

(Week of 3/30-4/3)

Arts and Crafts: Create a nest!

Materials:

Paper plate
Glue
Brown paper
Sticks



Instructions:

- Allow your child to cut or tear up the brown paper.
- Gather a couple of small and thin sticks from outside
- Assemble you nest together.
- You can have them draw a picture of an egg in the middle of the nest.

Science & Sensory: DIY Sensory Nature Bag

Materials:

Flowers
Leaves
Hair gel
Plastic baggy



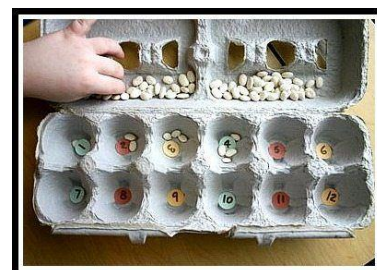
Instructions:

Collect flowers and leaves from the outdoors and place in a plastic baggy. Lay the flowers flat facing to one side and add hair gel to the baggy. Tape the nature sensory bag to the front door or a glass window to make a sun catcher.

Sensory Play: Use plastic eggs to create a sound guessing game. Fill them with different items like cotton balls, rice and pennies. Can you guess the sound? Audio awareness is an important learning component.

Math:

Use empty egg cartons to make excellent counting games. Write down numerals in the holes and have the child count out small items. This helps connect numerals and counting to real hands on experiences.



Read Aloud:

Mother Bruce: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3Nc3_2DMjE

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-dHeNfXtgc>

Journal Time:

Give your child a writing prompt... example: "How do animals build their homes?" Who might hatch from a mysterious egg?" Have a variety of writing tools available for your child.

Writing/Fine Motor

Talk about the letters N for nest, H for home, E for egg. Assist your child with the correct formation of each of these letters. Talk about letters that are formed with straight lines and letters that need curves. Popsicle sticks and play dough are perfect materials for reinforcing letter formation.

Outside Activity:

It's a great time to create a weather chart with your child. We check the weather each day at school. Keep track of the temperature and help your child write down the number each day. If they prefer draw a weather pictograph

Discussion:

How do animals build their homes? This week is a wonderful time to observe and discuss how the animals around us gather materials to build homes for their families.