

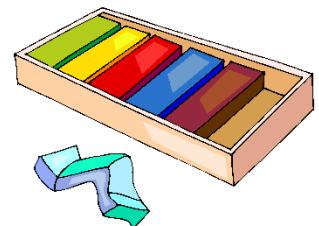


Purposeful Ongoing Play

Enhancing Language Skills Through Play

Parent Tip Sheet (P.O.P. Sheet) on... Playdough

- * Below are some ideas that may be used, but don't feel you have to use them all every time you pick up playdough. Just pick 2 or 3 that you feel comfortable with and can easily do.
- * Using either store-bought or homemade playdough, have your child pick out the one they want to start out with by its color.
- * As you and your child mold the playdough, talk through everything you're doing (rolling, squeezing, pressing, kneading, cutting, pulling apart, pinching, poking).
- * Be creative in the things you mold, making animals, flowers, people, snowmen, and so on.
- * Use cookie cutters to make different shapes (star, heart, tree, car, animals, etc.), and have your child identify those shapes or items.
- * Cut out the same item (e.g. star) using 3-5 different colors and play a game where you have your child order the items by the colors you name.
- * Make 3 balls—one big, one medium-sized, and one small—and have your child order them from smallest to largest or largest to smallest. You can also introduce concepts such as 'bigger than' and 'smaller than.'
- * Quick 4-minute recipe for homemade playdough:
 - 2 c. baking soda
 - 1 1/2 c. water
 - 1 c. corn starch
 - Food coloringMix ingredients with a fork until smooth. Boil until thick. Store in airtight container.
- * Enjoy modeling!



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