

FUN WITH ART

Here are the fun projects we did today and the directions on how to do them at home for rainy days. Enjoy!

Station 1: Play-dough

Feel free to use store brand play-dough, but here are the directions to make the dough that we used in the program.

Materials:

1 cup flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup salt

$\frac{1}{3}$ cup water

Food coloring

Bowls for mixing

Directions: Mix first 2 ingredients together in a bowl. Combine the water and the food coloring. (When making 2 colors use $\frac{1}{3}$ cup water plus coloring in each) Add colored water to dough and mix. Add flour or water as needed while mixing to get dough like consistency.

Use cookie cutters for fun or baking items (rolling pin). You can also have your child use their imaginations and make long tube-like worms of play-dough. Then have them create the first letter of their name.

Station 2: Sandpaper Rubbings

Materials needed: poster board, sandpaper, other items with a texture, crayons with the wrappers peeled off, and pieces of large white paper.

Directions: Place the white paper over the textured objects and rub the crayons ovetop to create a one of a kind picture. I cut out letters. Have your child practice their letters by creating a fun picture with their name.

Station 3: Fingerprint Animals

Ed Emberley has created many different animals using his fingerprints and either ink pads or paint. Dip fingers or thumbs in the inkpad or paint and create a whole new world of fun at your fingertips. Then decorate using crayons to add feet, eyes and antennae. This is a great way to build on your child's imagination and storytelling skills. Under the picture write what your child says is happening in the story.

Station 4: Sponge Painting

You can either buy different shapes of sponges or cut out shapes in regular sponges. Dip the sponges in the paint and pat on the paper. (Station 6: can be substituted for this station)

Station 5: Cut and Paste Picture Collage

Build your child's skills with scissors, cutting and pasting.

Materials: old magazines, colorful paper, wrapping paper, child's scissors, large piece of paper or construction paper, glue sticks.

Directions: help your child pick out paper and/or pictures to cut. Let your child attempt to cut out the pictures but assist him/her if they need it. Once the pictures or shapes are cut out, glue them onto the large piece of paper. Ask your child to tell you the story of his/her picture.

Station 6: Finger Painting

With washable paint and construction paper have your child dip their fingers in the paint and draw. Scribbling and practicing letters are encouraged. This can also be done with shaving cream.

Station 7: Painting with Marbles

This is a unique way to create fun pictures using Marbles.

Materials: marbles, paper plates, paint, couple of bowls and a couple of spoons, paper circles that fit in the bottom of the plate.

Directions: Cut the paper to fit in the bottom of the paper plate. Pour some paint in to a bowl. Have the child drop the marble into the paint and coat it with paint. Using a spoon scoop the marble out and place on the plate. Roll marble around plate to make designs on the paper. Add more than one color using different marbles in different color paint.