

Transition Room Curriculum

Week of 4/20/2020

Earth Day Celebration, Wednesday, April 22

Monday

The letter of the week is T

What sound does the letter T make? Talk about what words start with the T. Show your child a picture of an upper- and lower-case t T.

- Using your pointer finger, practice writing the letter T in the air.
- Using paper and pencil, practice writing the upper- and lower-case T by tracing it.
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Letter Activity

Coordination and fine motor skills are important in early writing. This pre-writing activity focuses on those skills. It's easy to create. It's also simple to alter so you can continue to make the writing challenges new.

To begin, you will need the following supplies:

- Cardboard
- Duct Tape or strong boxing tape.
- White paper
- Crayons
- Small push pins

The first part of this activity is building the pin board. Take an old cardboard box, and cut out two matching rectangles from the cardboard. Wrap the edges with duck tape to hold the board together. The double thickness will keep pins from pushing through and poking hands or furniture.

Once your pin board is complete, place a sheet of paper on the board. Then design your writing pattern with pins. Making a maze so your child can draw the line over one color of pins, and under the other color of pins. You can make the pins the letter of the week and shapes.

Tuesday

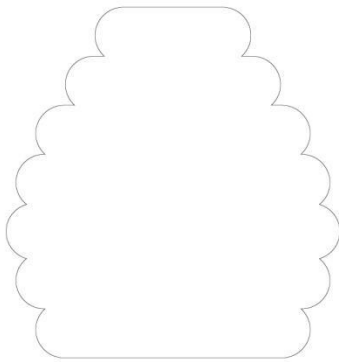
Life cycle of Bee

Continue going over the four stage of the life cycle of a Bee

A bee is a flying insect. Insects have three pairs of legs and a body with 3 main parts

1. Egg
2. Larva:
3. Pupa Stage
4. Adult Bee

Beehive Project Supplies Needed



- Make a copy of the beehive for your child's next project
- Small bubble wrap or a fly swatter which every you have
- available
- Yellow paint
- Paper plate
- Drop cloth or something to cover the table.
- Black paper cut into small circle
- Glue

Taking the bubble wrap or fly swatter, have the child dip it into the paint. Using the bubble wrap, stamp it on the beehive making an imprint onto the paper. If you are using a fly swatter have the child dip it into the paint and start swatting the paper with it. When you are done take the black paper circle and put a small amount of glue on it. Then place the circle onto the front of the beehive.

Wednesday: Earth Day!



Book Suggestion: "Recycling Day" by Edward Miller

Earth Day Slime for Sensory Play

To begin, you will need the following supplies

- 2 5 oz. bottles of white glue
- 1/2 teaspoon of Borax
- 1 cup of hot water, 2 1/2 cups of water

- 3 bowls
- Blue and green food coloring (or liquid watercolors)

To begin making our slime follow the directions to make the perfect slime. There are also a lot of tips and ways to fix your slime in case it turns out too stretchy or too sticky.

In a bowl mix one bottle of Elmer's glue (5-6 oz.) with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of water. Then add about 10 drops of blue food coloring. Stir the mixture until the glue begins to turn blue. After a few minutes of stirring with a spoon, continue to combine the ingredients with your hands so the glue absorbs the food coloring.

I would recommend that you wear gloves during this step so your hands don't turn blue. Liquid watercolors are an alternative to food coloring.

In another bowl again mix one bottle of Elmer's glue (5-6 oz.) with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of water. This time, we add about 10 drops of green food coloring. After following the remaining steps to make the slime, create the Earth.

Place the blue slime into a bowl and spread it around till it is in the shape of a circle, then pull the green slime apart and put it on top of the blue slime. You can use a toothpick to shape the different continents.

Earth Day Scavenger Hunt

Take a walk around your neighborhood and see if you can find these items.

1. Leaf
2. Bark/Wood
3. Grass
4. Seed
5. Stick
6. Dirt or Sand
7. Flowers
8. Rock
9. Feather
10. Bug
11. Cloud

Thursday: Art Day

Book Suggestion: "Thank You Earth" by April Sayre

Supplies Needed

- Cardboard
- 10-inch cardboard cake board (optional)
- Magazines

- Pencil
- Glue

The first part of this project parents will need to set up. Start by cutting out a piece of cardboard for your background about 12-inches by 14 inches. For our circle use cardboard cake board but you could also just cut a circle out of cardboard that is about 10-inches in diameter.

Use your pencil to freehand part of the world onto your circle. It doesn't have to be perfect. Look through several old magazines and have the child tear out pages that have lots of black, green and blue on them.

To start our collage, trace your circle Earth onto your cardboard background then remove it.

Tear little pieces of the black colored magazine pages and glue them around your cardboard backing, leaving the circle empty in the middle to put your Earth on.

Next get started on your Earth. I know getting the blue pieces to line up around the countries would be difficult but that is okay to show the child at this part and just let them know it doesn't need to be perfect.

After outlining the countries with the blue torn magazine pages added glue in the rest of the water areas and finished putting the water pieces in place. After adding the green land pieces, trim around the Earth to cut off any pieces that were hanging off the ends, and then have the children glued it onto our cardboard backing.

Friday

Earth Day Rice Krispies

Ingredients

3 Tablespoons butter

1 package of marshmallows

6 cups Kellogg's Rice Krispies

Follow the original recipe for Rice Krispies Treat from the box of cereal. Make two batches one for the blue and one for the green.

When the marshmallows are melted in the butter add the food coloring (how much coloring to add is up to you, it's for your liking). Suggested amount is 10 drops for the blue and 6 for the green. Then add the cereal with a plastic spoon.

Coat hands with butter so the cereal does not stick to your hands. You can form the world on parchment paper. This is a great way for your child to develop hand strength.