

June Activity Ideas

Catching Fireflies

Here is a great fine motor activity that will help build those small muscles for writing and keep your preschooler chigger and mosquito free. Scatter yellow pom poms (fireflies) around and give your child a plastic jar and tweezers. Your child will "catch" a firefly with tweezers and drop it into the jar. Have them continue until they have caught all the fireflies. You can put some green crinkle paper and a small flameless candle in the bottom of the jar for a lighted effect.

Fourth of July Sensory Center

Make a batch of red and blue colored rice. To make colored rice, put rice in a large resealable plastic bag; then add several drops of red food coloring and a small amount of rubbing alcohol. Seal the bag and let your child squeeze the mixture until the rice is covered with the color. Put the rice on a piece of paper to dry. Repeat this process but add blue to the rice. After the rice dries, put the rice in a tub or soda flat along with some star confetti/gems/foam pieces. Add small shovels, scoops, and funnels to this patriotic mixture for hours of sensory fun.

Clean-Shaven Dad

You should hear lots of giggles when doing this fun combination fine motor and sensory activity. You will need popsicle sticks, a bowl of nonmentholated shaving cream, and some baby wipes or wet paper towels. First you draw a picture of daddy's face on a piece of paper. Your child will use their fingers to smooth some shaving cream onto his face, and then "shaves" off daddy's whiskers with the popsicle stick. They can use the baby wipe/paper towel to clean his face up after shaving. When we have done this at preschool, we always talk to the preschoolers about NEVER touching mommy or daddy's razors and why they cannot touch them. You can laminate the paper so this activity can be repeated without having to redraw daddy every time.

Picnic Song

Here is a splendid song to celebrate International Picnic Day on Tuesday, June 18th.

"Ant Antics"

(sung to the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?")

Did you ever see an ant, an ant, an ant?
Did you ever see an ant at your picnic lunch?
He'll take all your [cookies].
He'll take all your [cookies].
Did you ever see an ant at your picnic lunch?

Continue with other picnic treats: hamburgers, potato chips, hot dogs, apples, carrot sticks, watermelon, ice cream, etc.