CREATIVE ACTIVITY IDEAS

EASY, CHEAP & FUN ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN

AGES 5-10
TWO INGREDIENT SENSORY DOUGH

What you need:
- 8 cups All Purpose Flour
- 1 cup Baby Oil
- Mixing Bowl
- Large Spoon or Whisk
- Tray for finished dough

A FUN, HANDS ON ACTIVITY FOR YOUNGER MENTEES IN THREE EASY STEPS!

ONE
Put all purpose flour into bowl
Add baby oil

TWO
Mix the ingredients together using a spoon or whisk
Put dough into a container

THREE
PLAY!

Fun fact: sensory play is integral to human development. Activities like this are the best way for children to explore, process new things, and learn!
**Paper Plate Tambourines**

**Fun Facts:**
Music helps children to develop fine motor skills.

Children who play an instrument are also found to have better emotional control.

Tambourines are used across many cultures.

The instruments were used as far back as 2,000 years ago!

**What you need:**
- Two Paper Plates
- Dried Beans
- Stapler

Things to decorate your plates!

**Set one open faced paper plate on a table**

**Dump a handful of beans into the plate**

**With the help of an adult, staple the second plate onto the first**

Decorate your plate using markers, glue, glitter, crayons or stickers and PLAY!
**Homemade Sidewalk Chalk**

**Ingredients:**
- Paper towel tubes
- Duct tape
- Wax paper
- Baking sheet
- Trash bag/tarp
- Warm water
- Plaster of paris
- Tempera paint (for colors)
- Bucket
- Large spoon
- A big sidewalk!

**Instructions:**

**Adult supervision and help needed!**

1. Cut paper towel tubes in half
2. Cover one end of the tubes with duct tape
3. Cut one 6x6 inch wax paper sheet for every tube
4. Roll the wax paper and stick it into the tube as a liner
5. Stand each tube onto a baking sheet
6. Put down the trash bag or tarp
7. Over the tarp, pour warm water into the bucket
8. Sprinkle in the plaster of paris
9. Stir quickly! Don’t let it harden.
10. Mix in the tempera paint to add color
11. Pour or spoon the mixture into the tubes
12. Tap the sides to pop air bubbles
13. Trim the excess wax paper
14. Let the chalk dry. This can take several days, so plan ahead!
15. Peel away the paper towel tube and the wax paper.
16. Find a sidewalk or driveway and start creating!

**Fun Facts:**

Chalk is a great drawing tool. It goes onto many surfaces and wipes away easily with water.

Chalk is found naturally in the earth. It was one of the earliest types of rocks to be studied under a microscope!