

Category: Party

Title: Clothespins

Children for years have enjoyed the traditional birthday party game of dropping clothespins into a container. (Many different types of containers work well--waste baskets, coffee cans, quart jars, etc.)

The children can take turns kneeling on a chair and using the chair back to steady their hand while dropping the clothespins into the container.

This game is very good for developing eye-hand coordination. Your older children will enjoy doing this activity blindfolded.

Level: P1, K

Category: Party

Title: Pass The Hot Potato

The children stand at arms' length apart in a circle.

First using a 10 in. playground ball, they pass it quickly from one person to the next.

They then move to a 8 1/2 in. playground ball, then finally a 6 in. playground ball.

Remember to reverse the direction of the passes after each cycle is completed.

Level: K

It is also fun to have the children sit close together in a circle and use a real potato!

Category: Party

Title: Sesame Street Birthdays

Jan 13 Rubber Duckies

July 26 Bert

Jan 28 Ernie Aug 15 Bob

Feb 3 Elmo Aug 19 Snuffleupagus

Feb 24 Gordon Aug 31 Herry Monster

Mar 20 Big Bird

Sept 3 Barkley the Dog

April 17 Sherlock Hemlock

Sept 19 Slimey the Worm

May 4 Susan Sept 29 Telly Monster

May 24 Sam the Robot Oct 9 The Count

June 1 Oscar Oct 14 Grover

June 7 The Amazing Mumford Oct 24 Betty Lou

June 26 Maria Nov 2 Cookie Monster

July 1 Guy Smiley Nov 14 Luis

July 15 Forgetful Jones - Dec. 4 Miles - Dec. 17 Little Bird

Category: Safety

Title: At The Curb

At the curb before I cross,
I stop my feet running. (Point to feet)
And look both ways to left and right
Before I cross the street.
Lest autos running quietly might come as a surprise.
I don't just listen with my ears, (Point to ears)
But look with both my eyes. (Point to eyes)

Level: K

Category: Safety

Title: Traffic Lights

Do you know what traffic lights say to you?

Do you know what traffic lights say to do?

Yellow says, 'Be careful.' (Hold arm straight out)

Green says, 'You may go.' (Lower arm)

But red is most important, (Raise arm up)

It says, 'Stop!' you know.

Level: P1, K

Category: Science

Title: Down It Goes

Give children several objects to drop--feathers, marbles, styrofoam packaging, small blocks, sponges, cotton, rocks, etc.

After individual experimentation, help children draw conclusions based on their observations—which items dropped slowly and which items dropped quickly.

Level: K

Category: Science

Title: Ice in a Bag

Let each child put an ice cube in a sealed baggie.

Discuss how the ice feels hard and cold.

Place the bags on a table until the cubes have melted. Talk about the change that has taken place, using the terms solid and liquid.

Place the bags in the school freezer (or let the children freeze them at home).

On the following day, examine the bags again and discuss the changes that have taken place.

Level: K

Category: Science

Title: Raisin Elevators

Pour clear carbonated soda water into a clear glass.

Drop four or five raisins into the glass.

After 40 to 60 seconds, children will observe raisins moving up and down in the glass.

Teacher should help children draw the conclusion that the air bubbles caused the upward movement.

Let children observe the glass later in the day when the carbonation has ceased.

This will reinforce the role of the air bubbles in lifting the raisins.

Level: K

Category: Science

Title: Soda Fizz

Demonstrate the following activity:

Place a teaspoon of baking soda into an empty soda bottle (twelve ounce size) and add a teaspoon of vinegar.

The two substances create a gas when they are mixed.

This can be demonstrated by placing a balloon over the top of the soda bottle. It will expand from the gas. More of each substance will expand the balloon even more.

Allow each child to mix the two substances. Provide a paper plate, a small cup of vinegar and a small cup of baking soda.

Each child can use a spoon ;to put the baking soda on the plate and an eyedropper to add the vinegar. The mixture will fizz.

Level: K

Category: Science

Title: Wave Maker

Demonstrate this activity for the children. Use a clear plastic bottle at least ten inches high.

Fill the bottle three-fourths full, using denatured alcohol.

Add blue food coloring (enough to make it deep blue).

Fill the bottle with cooking oil, leaving a small distance at the top.

Glue the top on for safety.

The substances will not mix and the water will move like a wave over the oil when moved up and down.

Place the bottle on the table for the children's use, observation and questions.

Level: K

Category: Science

Title: Will This Dissolve?

Fill five clear glasses with water.

Show children the following items: a rock, salt, a leaf, sugar and pepper.

Ask children to predict whether or not the items will dissolve in water.

Test each item with the children.

Verify predictions.

Adapt the problem solving steps described in the overview of this chapter to test each item.

Level: K

Category: Sea

Title: A Sailor Went To Sea

A sailor went to sea, sea, sea,
To see what he could see, see, see,
But all that he could see, see, see,
Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea, sea.

On sea and see clap your partners hands three times.

OR, Clap hands continuously but salute each other for sea or see three times.

Level: P1, K

Category: Sea

Title: Angelfish

You can make a beautiful angelfish with a wire hanger and some aluminum foil.

Spread a wire hanger into a diamond shape.

Cut a big piece of aluminum foil into strips. Tape the strips around the hanger.

Then crisscross the strips in the other direction. For the finishing touches, add three strips for a tail and a white paper circle with a dot for an eye.

That beautiful angelfish is ready to hang up.

Level: K

Category: Sea

Title: The Good Ship Sails

The good ship sails on the Ali Ali O,
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On the last day of September.

They all dipped their heads in the Ali Ali O,
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On the last day of September.

The Captain waved from the Ali Ali O.....

Level: K