

Planting Sensory Bins

Invite your camper to explore and engage in the art and science of planting. Dirt, sand or beans work well as the base for this sensory bin.

Your camper will enjoy experimenting with all of the “garden-inspired” tools that you can offer!



Fine Motor Fun with Flowers

Your camper can practice their fine motor skills with a strainer and flowers!

Flower arranging can be a fun activity to practice with real vases, flowers, scissors and water as well! Children love to practice pouring, cutting and arranging flowers in different ways.



Flower Petal Playdough

Use our traditional playdough recipe and add some flower petals for texture and scent. Essential oils (if you have them handy) can also create a soothing sensory activity for your camper!



Playdough Recipe

Ingredients:

- 2 cups of flour
- 4 tablespoons cream of tartar
 - 1 cup of salt
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of oil
- 2 cups of water
- Food coloring of choice (optional)

Mix dry ingredients together. Add food coloring and oil to water. Mix wet and dry ingredients in a pot on the stove. Cook over low heat stirring often. As it gets thicker, remove from pot and knead. Between uses, store in an air tight container.

Flower Garden Playdough

- A Creative Extension

Invite your camper to explore with gems, buttons, pipe cleaners, leaves (real or fabric), and any other found treasures! Creating a variety of flowers can be a fun activity to explore with your camper!

Count the number of petals, or gems on each of your flowers. You may also extend this activity by sorting materials by color, number, shape or size.



Flower Garden Play Dough



Planting Seeds
with preschoolers



Planting Seeds Together

This amazing blog resource has some wonderful suggestions on how to integrate letter/name recognition, math and science all into one activity with your camper!

Click the link below for the full tutorial:

<https://teaching2and3yearolds.com/how-to-plant-seeds-for-an-easy-kids-gardening-activity/>

And a video to watch of a plant growing before your eyes:

<https://youtu.be/w77zPAAtVTul>

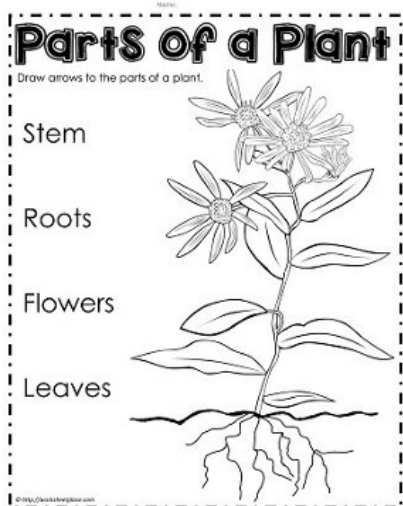


Diagram of a parts of a plant

Click the link below to download and print your own worksheet to identify and label the parts of a plant

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1aWidAvO_B4wJ5wsrUJk0u-Qsylv6uO

Included in our Sing Along Friday!



Learn even more about the parts of a plant with this song that you can Sing Along:

https://youtu.be/ql6OL7_qFgU

Variation of Flower Process Art

Another invitation for process art is easy to create. All you need is an empty bottle, paper and paint.

Demonstrate the process for your camper! Dip the end of the bottle into the paint and then stamp it on the paper, creating a flower design in paint.

Invite your camper to stamp, mix and create freely!



Process Art Activity

Open an invitation to create process art with your child.

First, cut the paper towel roll at one end. You do not need to worry too much about the shape, the goal is for your child to enjoy the process of painting and creating their own designs from your stamp.

Then, place paint into a container with a shallow layer of paint.

Dip the “petal” end of the paper towel roll into the paint and then stamp it onto the paper.

Coffee Filter Flower Art

Coffee filters create a beautiful canvas for water color artwork! You can create a color mixing experiment by offering your camper isolated opportunities to mix primary colors: (blue and yellow, blue and red, red and yellow). This is a wonderful time to introduce, or review the concept of primary and secondary colors! Have a “drying tray” ready to place the coffee filters on to dry- cooking pans make a nice drying rack! You can cut the filters into various flower shapes before painting, or after they have dried!



Observational Drawing

You can invite your child to create an observational painting of any subject- examples of Springtime subjects can be flowers, a tree, or a bird. Feel free to take this activity outside! Maybe you would like to sit with your camper and create an observational painting of your own! This activity invites your child to slow down, become present in the moment and take a closer look at a subject and make observations about Spring!



Spring Patterning

Creating your own patterning with colors of spring can be done with gems, flower petals and more! We have also made some patterning sheets available to download and print at home!

Patterning Sheet to

Download: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eL3EACBuvF8pWvFLkL3758YlpDtZc9mX/view?usp=sharing>