

Learning Objective: Spring Fun! Sensory experience and physical craft

Age Group: This activity is designed for ages 3-6 but older kids find it fun too!

Muddy Foot Prints

You will need:

For this activity you will need brown playdough. You can find recipes for playdough on the blog. You can achieve a brown color by adding hot chocolate or cocoa to the mix.

How to play:

- 1) Have children step on a plate or ice cream pail lid of brown playdough in their bare feet. You may have to help squish their toes down so you can clearly see it in the print.
- 2) Help them scratch their name in the playdough with a straw. Set aside to dry. If you spray the "mud puddle" with hairspray while the playdough is still wet it dries shiny instead of cracked.

While doing this craft you tell the children "you are going to make your own indoor mud puddle" They like to giggle that they will trick Mom into saying there is mud on the carpet.

Mud Print Painting

You will need:

1 pan soapy water, 1 pan brown paint, roll of paper and two chairs and a towel.

How to play:

- 1) Line up two chairs 4 feet apart, backside facing in
- 2) Roll the paper between the chairs
- 3) Drape a towel on each chair's back
- 4) Place pan of soapy water by one chair and the paint at the other
- 5) Have kids sit down, get paint on their bare feet. If children are sensitive provide a pair of slippers to get paint on
- 6) Have the child walk across the paper with painted feet to the chair with the soapy water
- 7) They will sit on that chair and clean their feet before walking away

That's it! It makes a great bulletin board background!

Bubble Trouble

You will need:

Tray of bubble solution, bubble wands and a small table top fan

How to play:

- 1) Set the fan on the table and turn it on low
- 2) Have children dip the wands in the bubbles and hold it in front of the fan for a multitude of bubbles
- 3) Provide other children with plastic cups so they can catch the bubbles in them