



A child-approved
activity

Playdough

jumpstart

Measure, mix, and enjoy your own playdough!

Materials:

Read through this list with your child before starting!



flour



salt



water



food coloring



a bowl or pie tin



playdough toys:
cookie cutters,
plastic utensils,
dowels, etc.

Beginning

Write the recipe on a card or piece of paper: 2 cups of flour, 1 cup of salt, and 1 cup of water.

Middle

Measure the ingredients in a bowl or pie tin and let children mix. Let children add food coloring and mix to the desired color.

End

Once the playdough is made, you can use the playdough toys to cut, shape, pound, roll, and squish it.

Connecting to School Success

This activity helps prepare your children for school by building the important skill of... *beginning reading.*

Before children learn to read, they need to understand the use of print in their everyday life. Children can learn to recognize the playdough recipe's words and numbers.

Children learn by:

- using written information to create something that can be immediately touched and felt
- having an adult point out each line of the recipe as they do it
- seeing how the word "flour" on the recipe matches the word "flour" on the container

Bringing it Home

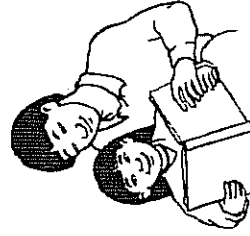
Talk children through a complex process.

Since making playdough is a multi-step process, talk with children every step of the way about **WHAT** you're doing and **WHY**:

"Now we'll add the salt. First measure 1 cup."

Talk about how the process relates to the final product:

"Now that we've finished **MAKING** the play dough, what do you want to **DO** with it?"



A Related Book
Pancakes, Pancakes
by Eric Carle