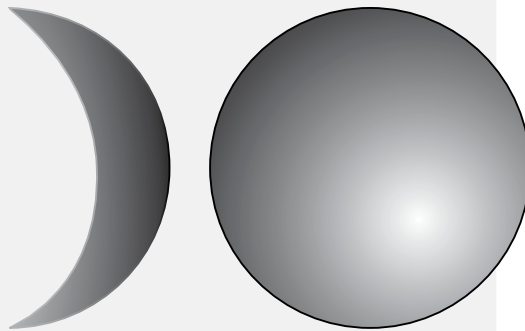


Moon Watch

This is a science activity to be done over the course of a month.

What you need:

- Black and yellow construction paper
- Large sheet of poster board
- Pencil and markers
- Safety scissors
- Large circle shapes to trace



What to do:

- Make shapes for each phase of the moon. Have a black circle for the new moon phase, then yellow for the other cycles: a half circle, a crescent sliver, a half circle, and an almost full circle.
- Make a square for each day of the month on the poster board sheet so you have a calendar for that month.
- Read the children a story about the moon. Suggested books include *Goodnight Moon*, by Margaret Wise Brown, *Owl Moon*, by Jane Yolen, *Moonbear*, by Frank Asch, and *Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me*, by Eric Carle.
- Talk about the moon and about the different shapes we see in the sky at night.
- Have the children look for it in the sky after dark with their parents. The next day have the children tell what they saw the night before. If the moon could not be seen, ask them why.
- Keep a record of the shape of the moon on each date by taping the correct moon shape under the date on the poster board chart.
- At the end of the month review all the different moon shapes there were to see.
- For older children you can expand this to a lesson on day and night and why the moon is only partly visible sometimes.

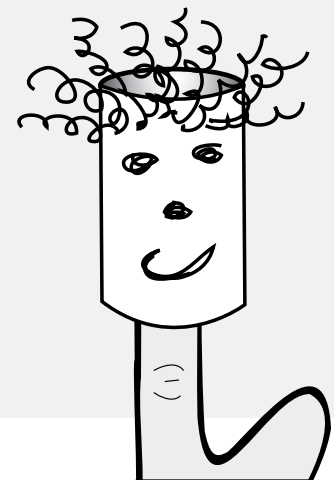
Easy Finger Puppets

What you need:

- Strips of paper 1 to 1½ inches wide by 3 inches long – any color
- Washable markers
- Clear tape
- White craft glue
- Yarn or paper curls for hair

What to do:

- Have the children draw a face in the middle of the paper strip.
- Glue yarn or paper curls to the paper for hair.
- Roll the paper strip around each child's finger and tape it.
- Have the children make up stories using their puppets. They could make one for a finger on each hand and have their puppets talk to each other.
- This could also be a good team activity by having two children pair up and have their finger puppets tell stories to each other.





The Floppy Doll – finger play

Flop your arms.
Flop your feet.
Let your hands go free.
Be the raggiest rag doll
You ever did see!

(Flop arms limply)
(Flop feet the same way)
(Move hands limply)
(Slump whole body to imitate a rag doll)

Tunnel of Fun

This activity can be done indoors or outdoors for some active fun!

What you need:

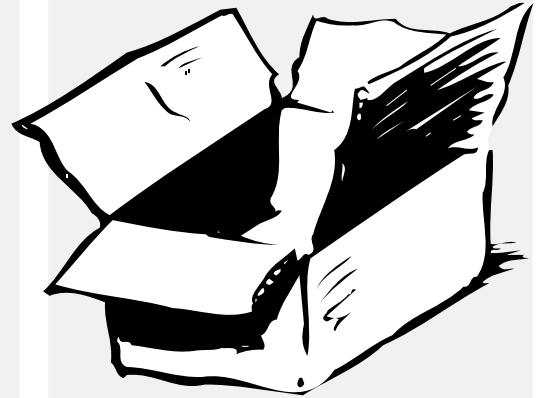
- Rope or clothes line
- Three or four hula hoops
- Masking tape or duct tape
- A sheet or light blanket
- Two sturdy chairs - if outside use trees or a tree and a fence

What to do:

- String the rope through the hula hoops and tape each one to the rope about three feet apart, making sure the bottoms touch the floor or ground.
- Securely attach each end of the rope to a sturdy chair, or if outside attach to a tree or fence.
- Place the sheet or blanket over the hoops and under the bottom, keeping each end of the tunnel open.
- The children can have fun crawling through your tunnel!

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Large cardboard boxes can provide hours of imaginary play for kids.



What you need:

- One or two rectangular shaped cardboard boxes large enough for the children to sit in
- Cardboard paper towel tubes for oars

What to do:

- Have the children sit in the boxes and pretend they are rowing a boat.
- They can sing the song "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" for added fun.

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