

Memory Game

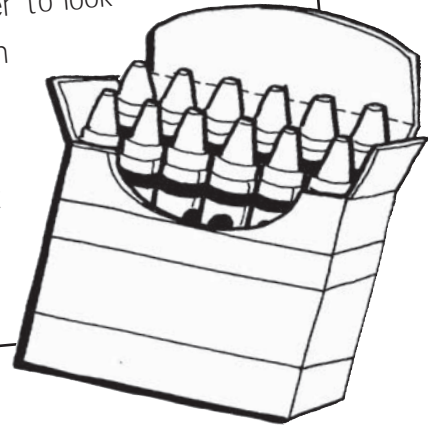


What you need:

- | One piece of paper, folded in half
- | Markers or crayons

What to do:

- | Draw a few objects of different sizes on one half of the paper. They can be shapes, balls, hearts, stars, or whatever you choose to draw -- just keep your drawing simple.
- | Give a child the paper to look at for a minute, then fold it over to the blank side and have the child draw what was in the picture.
- | **No peeking!!!**



Will It Float or Will It Sink?

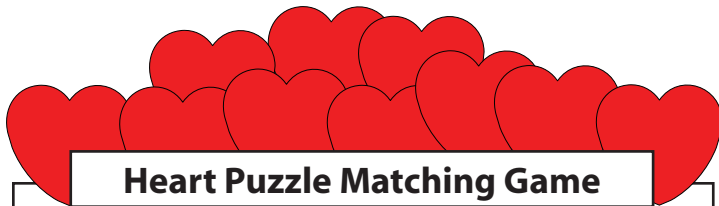
What you will need:

- | Ice cubes, a toy car or truck, different-sized blocks, a can of soup, a small ball, or any small objects you want to use.
- | A plastic container of water

What to do:

- | The children can place the items, one at a time, in the water to see what floats and what sinks. Have them guess ahead of time what they think will happen.

*Please note: Young children need close supervision around water. An adult needs to be close by at all times.



Heart Puzzle Matching Game

What you need:

Red construction paper

Safety scissors

Marker

What to do:

- Cut out ten 2-inch to 3-inch heart shapes.
- Then cut each one in half in a jagged shape, each one in a different way, like a puzzle piece.

- Write a different number, from 1 to 10, on one half of each heart shape.

- Mix up the pieces.

To play the game, the children can find and match the pieces that go together, then name the number. This is a good game for problem solving and number recognition.

Three Balls - Finger Play

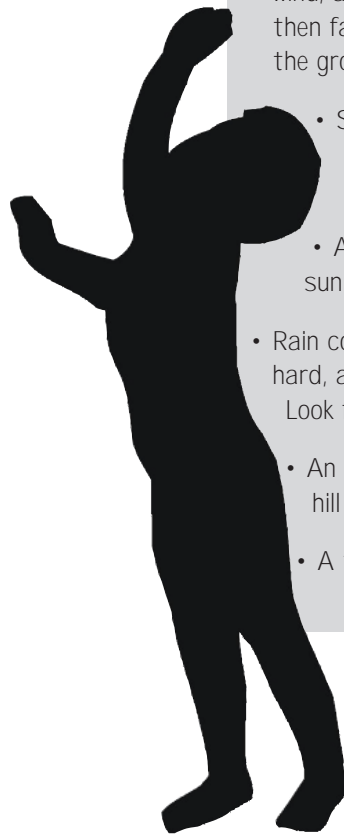
The children can learn this finger play and practice the ways to play with a ball.

Here is a big, round, bouncy ball.
(Form circle with arms)
I bounce it one, two, three.
(Bouncing motion)

Here is a ball for throwing,
(Do throwing motion)
I can catch it,
(Pretend to catch the ball)
Watch and see.

Here is a ball for rolling.
(Pretend to roll ball)
Please roll it back to me.
(Repeat rolling motion)

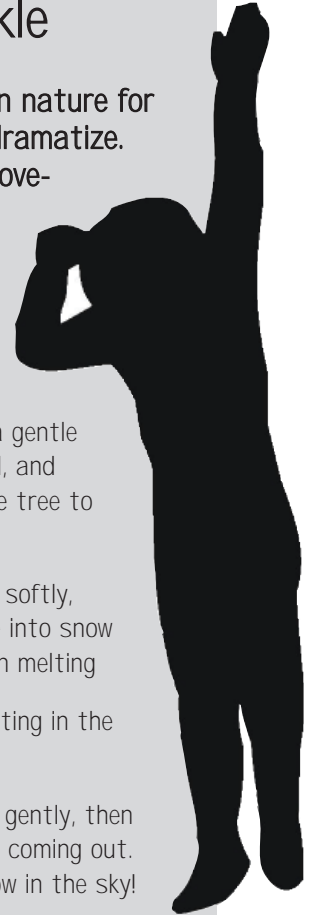
Bouncing, throwing, rolling balls,
(Do bouncing, throwing, and rolling motions)
Let's count them, one, two, three.
(Count 1, 2, and 3 on fingers)



Blow, Melt, and Trickle

Look for things in nature for the children to dramatize. This is a good movement activity. Here are some things the children can act out:

- Leaves waving in a gentle wind, a heavy wind, and then falling off the tree to the ground
- Snow falling softly, being made into snow people, then melting
- An icicle melting in the sun
- Rain coming down gently, then hard, and the sun coming out. Look for a rainbow in the sky!
- An icy sidewalk and an icy hill to walk up, then slide down
- A thick fog to walk through



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