

CHILDREN AND COMPANY PLAYDOH

AVAILABILITY REQUIREMENT: The new playdoh must arrive at the school once every two weeks or when requested by Teachers. This position is best filled by a 3 year class member.

1. Playdoh should be made every two weeks or as requested by the Teachers. The playdoh should be colored as follows, *but check with teachers first*, in case they wish to make any changes. Also be aware of all children's allergies (example: red food dye), which might restrict color choice.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Color</u>
September	red	February	pink
October	orange (Halloween)	March	yellow
November	brown (Thanksgiving)	April	blue
December	green	May	purple
January	white with glitter (snow)	June	your choice

2. Playdoh recipe:

4 cups flour	8 Tbsp. oil
2 cups salt	4 cups water
8 tsp. Cream of tartar*	food coloring

*(key ingredient)

Combine flour, salt and cream of tartar. Add oil and water gradually, mixing well with a whisk to prevent lumping. Stir in food coloring. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly. Playdoh will thicken and congeal. When it pulls away from sides and bottom of pan, take it out and place on a breadboard. If you can take it out of the pan as soon as it starts to thicken, it stays moist longer and will not need to be replaced as often. Knead when it cools. Store in an airtight container.

3. A little extra oil will prevent the playdoh from drying out during the winter months.
4. Purchasing a bulk supply of cream of tartar at the beginning of the year will reduce the expense (if you do not have a personal membership to a bulk store such as BJ's, Costco, etc., try to coordinate with the Supply Coordinator or another parent who has a membership).
5. Check on the playdoh every few days to insure that it's not too dry. If it's too dry please make a new batch as soon as possible.
6. You may be required to dye pasta for crafts as specified by the Teachers. Be sure to do this in a well-ventilated area.
7. At the end of each month change the playdoh toys. The playdoh toys have been placed in baggies in the craft closet according to season/month. Also, pull out new playdoh place mats for each month. When in doubt check with the Teachers.

Note: Any money spent on completing this job (up to \$40.00) is the responsibility of the jobholder. Amounts in excess of \$40.00 are reimbursed by the school upon request and submission of *all* receipts for all disbursement made on behalf of the school.

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