

## Sensory Play Media Maker

AVAILABILITY REQUIREMENT: The member will provide Playdoh every two weeks or when requested by teachers. Working with the teachers the member will create sensory play items for the classroom, this may average once a month. This position is best filled by a member with initiative and craft experience.

1. Sensory play activities can be found on educational blogs/websites, children's activity books, and the resources below. Before or shortly after the school year starts, you could solicit ideas from the teachers about creating a sensory play calendar for the school year.
2. If a particular activity requires prep at the school you can coordinate with the Class Chair to arrange for your co-op to coincide with the sensory play day activity. Schedule drop-off of sensory play materials and instructions on a notecard with the teachers beforehand and to provide them notice that the materials are ready.
3. Examples of sensory play activities appropriate for preschool children include, but are not limited to, alphabet ice and shaving cream, sensory bins related to the season or a special event, rainbow bubbles, ice digging activity, no cook sandy green Playdoh activity, Earth Day slime, Dino digging, etc.  
Some resources include:  
Children & Company book previously purchased, [150+ Screen-Free Activities for Kids: The Very Best and Easiest Playtime Activities from FunAtHomeWithKids.com!](#)  
Websites: <http://www.learning4kids.net/list-of-sensory-play-ideas/>
4. Create a Sensory Play Activities Calendar document tracking the sensory play activities made during the year along with any notes to include tips, resources, and items needed. This calendar can then be passed along to the next job holder to serve as an example.
5. Sensory activity Playdoh should be made every two weeks or as requested by the Teachers. See supporting document for Playdoh sensory recipe and tips.
6. Keep any items purchased with school money in a bin labeled Sensory Play Resources. Items purchased to date are the 150+ Screen-Free Activities book, an alphabet mold, and funnels. At the end of the school year these items will be stored and then passed along to the next job holder.
7. If you dye pasta or rice for crafts please be sure to do this in a well-ventilated area.

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.

## Playdoh Directions

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

### 1. Playdoh recipe:

4 cups flour	½ cup of oil
2 cups salt	4 cups water
3 Tbsp. 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.

### 2. Playdoh tips:

- A little extra oil will prevent the Playdoh from drying out during the winter months.
- 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).
- 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.

3. 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.