

## Sensory Play Media Maker

2 positions

AVAILABILITY REQUIREMENT: The members will alternate providing playdoh weekly for each class. Jobholders should preferably have access to a Kitchenaid-style mixer.

- 1. Sensory activity playdough should be made every week, unless the Teachers share that playdough is not needed for a certain week. Divide the playdough into three containers (one for each class). You can pass the same bags or tupperware-style containers back and forth with the teachers when turning in playdough.
- 2. 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	February	pink
October	orange (Halloween)	March	yellow
November	brown (Thanksgiving)	April	blue
December	green	May	purple
January	white with glitter (snow)	June	your choice
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3. Playdough 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 in a Kitchenaid mixer. 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 the sides and bottom of the 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.

## 4. Playdoh tips:

- a. A little extra oil will prevent the playdough from drying out during the winter months.
- b. 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).
- c. Check on the playdoh every few days to ensure that it's not too dry. If it's too dry please make a new batch as soon as possible.

5. At the end of each month change the playdough toys. The playdough toys have been placed in baggies in the craft closet according to season/month. Also, pull out new playdough 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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