

Math Muffins

counting, sorting

Materials
cupcake liners
marker
buttons

What to do

1. Write a numeral on each of the cupcake liners.
2. Children count and sort that many buttons into each liner.

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Mix and Match

matching sizes

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Materials
different sizes of plastic bottles with lids
bucket (for storing the jars and lids)

What to do

1. Collect and wash a variety of plastic bottles. Make sure they are different sizes.
2. Begin the activity with all the tops on the bottles. Invite a small group of children to remove the lids, then mix them up, and replace them on other bottles.
3. Encourage the children to discuss why they thought the lids would fit on the bottles on they chose.
4. Store the bottles and lids in a bucket.

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Nature Garland

patterns

Materials

blunt needle
thick thread
large bowls
popcorn
raisins

What to do

1. Give each child a pre-threaded blunt needle. Place a knot at the end of the thread.
2. Put a large bowl of popcorn and a large bowl of raisins on the table.
3. Show the children how to string the popcorn and raisins on the thread.
4. Make a pattern for the children to follow, or have them make their own patterns (for example, three pieces of popcorn, one raisin, three pieces of popcorn, and so on).
5. You may want to make several different patterns by gluing the items to a piece of paper before starting the project.
6. Go outdoors to hang the completed garland for the birds to eat. You may find that squirrels also enjoy the garland!

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Number Writing Center

printing numerals

Materials

assortment of writing utensils and art supplies
modeling clay
dry-erase boards and markers
chalkboards and erasers
cups of water, colored paper, and paintbrushes
newspapers and magazines
4 solid-colored art shirts or aprons
permanent marker or fabric paints