Sensory, Art & Science Fun for Young Children.

# MOMMY CAMP SPRING 2019

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# Activities

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Process Art Caterpillar Math Dramatic Play Flower Shop

All of the ideas are linked and there are detailed instructions for all of the activities  $arphi_{b}$  included. I recommend that you check the supplies lists and ensure that you have all materials before starting. Most activities do not require a lot of prep but some do so, check ahead on the options you have and choose the ones you like best.

There is no planned order for the activities. They are all great and there are activities do address math, reading, science, art and sensory.

- -bubble painting
- -tulips a-tip paintina
- -pom pom flower painting
- -butterfly collage process
- -diy natural paintbrushes and painting
- -giant group rainbow art -bubble wrap rain craft

#### **SCIENCE & MATH**

- -pom pom ramps
- -feed the caterpillar math game
- -simple bird kite
- -rain cloud science

#### **SENSORY**

- -painted spring flowers
- -flower shop dramatic play
- -shaving cream blocks -ice cream sensory bin
- -pipe cleaner carrot

- -animal tape rescue -cheerio bird feeder

-sticker names

-spring beginning

sounds

-spring matching

Reading & Writing

-pretzel flower snacks

-easter carrot

cheeto bags

-spring M&M cookies

-water cycle explained -spring time dance -very hungry caterpillar short movie

-spring books list



#### **BUBBLE PAINTING**

Supplies:
Tempera paint
Straws
Dish soap
Paper
Water
Wide, plastic container



- 1. Mix paint with dish soap and water. Use a squirt of soap and paint and mix with water until watery enough to make bubbles.
- 2. Use straw to make bubbles in the container.
- 3. Place paper on top of bubbles to make a bubble print.

# **TULIPS Q-TIP PAINTING**

Supplies:

**Qtips** 

Paint

Paper/canvas



- 1. Paint backdrop first starting with green grass and blue sky.
- 2. Add mountains in dark blue.
- 3. Finish with rows of qtip flowers in different colors.

#### POM POM FLOWERS PAINTING

Supplies:

Paint

Clothes pins

Cotton balls

Paper



- 1. Put cotton ball in clothes pin
- 2. Provide paint and let child make flower petal dots with clothespin/cotton ball combo paintbrush

#### **BUTTERFLY COLLAGE PROCESS ART**

Supplies: Butcher paper Paint, tissue paper, random craft items glue



- 1. Draw giant butterfly outline on paper and set out either on wall, floor or table
- 2. Provide art supplies and let kids decorate as they wish.

#### **PAINTED SPRING FLOWERS**

Supplies:
White artificial flowers
Paint + brushes
Foam/egg carton/cardboard (for holding flowers)



- 1. Fix flowers to standing position by placing in foam/egg carton/cardboard.
- 2. Provide kids with paint and let 'em at it.

#### DIY NATURAL PAINTBRUSHES AND PAINTING

Supplies: Sticks/leaves/grass etc. Rubber bands/tape Paper Paint



- 1. Head outside to find items for your paintbrushes.
- 2. Assemble brushes with tape/rubberbands and sticks
- 3. Let them experiment with the differences between the brushes they have created.

#### **GIANT GROUP RAINBOW ART**

Supplies: Large paper Paint marker



- 1. Draw outline of each color of the rainbow and write the color.
- 2. Provide appropriate paint colors and allow kids to color the rainbow. They can use their hands/feet/brushes.
- 3. Encourage color blending but maintaining the various, distinct colors.

### **BUBBLE WRAP RAIN CRAFT**

Supplies:
Bubble wrap
Paper
Paint
Glue
Colored paper



- 1. Cut out umbrella shape and glue in middle of paper.
- 2. Cut piece of paper to lay over the umbrella section so it doesn't get painted and tape down.
- 3. Paint a piece of bubble wrap with blue paint.
- 4. Press painted side of wrap onto umbrella paper.
- 5. Remove protective paper from umbrella.
- 6. You can draw someone holding the umbrella if you like.

#### FEED THE CATERPILLAR MATH GAME

Supplies:
Paper towel tube
Green paper
Pom poms
Dice
Pipe cleaner
Hole punch



- 1. Cover tube in green paper.
- 2. Hole punch two holes on top and tie the pipe cleaner through for antennae.
- 3. Kid rolls dice and counts out pom poms. Then feeds the caterpillar.

#### **POM POM RAMPS**

Supplies:
Paper towel tubes
Pom poms
Large container/wall



- 1. Cut openings in tops of tubes and tape to inside of container/wall.
- 2. Provide pom poms and let them play.
- 3. You can also provide tubes that have not been attached and tape and them add to/build their own ramps.

#### SIMPLE BIRD KITE

Supplies:
Paper
String
Tape
Hole punch





#### **RAIN CLOUD SCIENCE**

Supplies:
Shaving cream
Blue food coloring
Water
Pipettes
Free printable



- 1. Fill a jar about 2/3 of the way with clear water.
- 2. Fill the rest of the jar up with shaving cream. This is the "cloud."
- 3. Tell kids a bit about the water cycle and how clouds are collections of water evaporated from the earth.
- 4. When the clouds get too heavy, the water falls back to earth. In this STEM activity, kids can find out about the capacity of clouds and watch their very own cloud rain.
- 5. Color some water with blue food coloring.
- 6. Drop the water one drop at a time into the jar using a pipette.
- 7. Have the kids count how many drops it takes until the water fills up the shaving cream rain clouds and falls to the jar below.

In our experiment, it took 100 drops before the water broke through the cloud and started to rain.

#### FLOWER SHOP DRAMATIC PLAY

Supplies:
Fake flowers
Containers/vases for flowers
Free Printables 1 Free Printables 2 (if desired)
Tissue paper (for wrapping flowers)(optional)





- 1. Provide kids with items and let them pretend!
- 2. You can also provide a colander for the younger ones and let them stick the flowers in it for sensory fun.

#### **SHAVING CREAM FOAM BLOCKS**

Supplies: Large tub/outdoors Shaving cream Foam blocks

## SHAVING CREAM **BLOCKS**



1. Let children build and play with shaving cream and blocks.

#### **EDIBLE ICE CREAM SENSORY BIN**

Supplies:
Ice cream toppings/sprinkles
Whipped cream
Cup cake liners/plasit bowls
Spoons etc.



1. Let kids go crazy with whipped cream and toppings to make fabulous and delicious creations.

#### **ANIMAL TAPE RESCUE**

Supplies: Painters tape Toy animals/men pan



- 1. Tape a bunch of toy animals/characters to a pan with tape.
- 2. Have kid untape them to "save" them.

#### **CHEERIO BIRD FEEDER**

Supplies: Cheerios Pipe cleaners



- 1. Let kids place cheerios on pipe cleaners.
- 2. When the pipe cleaner is full, twist both ends together to close.
- 3. You can make it a shape if you like.
- 4. Then hang on trees/bushes.

#### PIPE CLEANER CARROT PULLING

Supplies: orange & green pipe cleaners Scissors
Egg carton



- 1. Cut short pieces of orange and green pipe cleaner and twist together to make carrots. (orange bottom, green top)
- 2. Poke holes in bottom of each egg portion of carton and turn upside down.
- 3. Place "carrots" in holes with green part sticking out.
- 4. Allow child to pull the carrots out and then put them back.
- 5. You could also incorporate counting with this if desired.

# **STICKER NAMES**

Supplies: Colored dot stickers (like for yard sales) Paper with child's name written



- 1. Write the child's name in large writing on a piece of paper.
- 2. Ask child to stick stickers along the lines of each letter.