

RAZZLE DAZZLE & KIDS KONNECTION



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What's Happening: COVID-19

Attention providers and families...

For the most current information on Covid-19 – signs and symptoms please go to:

811 or visit www.alberta.ca/COVID19

For information on attendance in your family day home please call the agency for the most up to date information on protocols.

Know someone wanting to open a dayhome?

We are currently screening new homes in all locations.

Please call us for more information.

403-887-3332 or 403-885-2755

Want to work from home? Be a stay at home parent and earn a great income. Contact us today.



Mission Statement: Provide quality childcare with an in-home, play based learning environment for every individual child. Recognizing each child is unique and he/she has different abilities, which enable every child to attain independence at their own rate of development.

Annual Provider Meeting

Please join us for a **Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Razzle Dazzle
Providers
Wednesday,
September 9th
7:00pm

Kids Konnection
Providers
Thursday,
September 10th
7:00pm

Agenda will be emailed to providers prior to the meeting day. Please have it available during the meeting.

Please download the Microsoft Teams app prior to meeting day.



PROGRAMMING

Dancing Rice Experiment

Materials Needed:

White Vinegar

Baking Soda

Instant Rice (non-instant rice is too dense for this project)

Clear Jar

Water

Food Coloring (Optional)



1. Fill the Clear Jar 3/4 Way Full Of Water. If desired, mix in food coloring.
2. Add in 1 TBS of Baking Soda and Stir. Mix completely.
3. 1/4 Cup Of Uncooked Rice. Note that instant rice is needed for this project! Non-instant rice is too dense and won't result in a "dancing" reaction.
4. Add in 1-2 TBS of White Vinegar.

This experiment is interesting and exciting to watch. Adding the food coloring is advised to add to the effect. This can be a fantastic example for children to show cause and effect as well as chain reactions. A reaction can occur with just baking soda and vinegar, but when the other ingredients are added a different reaction occurs.

If the reaction don't happen right away just add a touch more vinegar.

Add to the fun by playing some music and have children dance along with the rice.

8 Creative Activities for Preschoolers

Sometimes, it can seem as though a preschooler's imagination is boundless. By making use of the following list of activities, parents and teachers can help build a child's creativity skills and encourage more creative thinking in preschoolers.

Children at the preschool age love to play pretend, fantasize, experiment, and explore new things. A preschooler has incredible creative drive that ignites their desire to learn about all sorts of subjects. This makes it the perfect time to support the development of creative thinking!

1. Play word games that require imagination. Get preschoolers talking by starting with a silly question, such as, "How would you build a house on Mars?" Or, ask children to come up with new uses for a classroom item like a bucket. Enjoy the fun and crazy answers!
2. Encourage brainstorming when faced with a question or problem. Value the varying opinions and ideas from your preschoolers, saying "Let's try it" or "That is one way of looking at it" rather than dismissing answers altogether.
3. Provide a space for unrestrained, messy creativity. Allow preschoolers to explore a wide range of art materials however they want, including paint, markers, glue, cardboard, paper, clay and more, along with recycled and natural materials.
4. Promote inventive storytelling, inviting children to create drawings, plays, songs and music that go along with the stories he or she tells. Or, ask them to create a twist on an existing story: What if Little Red Riding Hood had never encountered the Big Bad Wolf?
5. Bring a large cardboard box into the classroom (or several smaller ones) and leave it up to your preschoolers to decide what it will become. Is it a house, a spaceship, or a cave? Provide art materials to decorate the box and assist with cutting holes for doors and windows if necessary.
6. Ask the children to create new rules for a well-known board game like snakes and ladders. Write down these new rules and play a round of the game, sticking to them. What rules worked? What rules need to be changed to make the game more playable?
7. Make up a new game entirely. Using objects from other games like balls, bowling pins, foam bats and more, design a completely new game with your own rules. Be flexible with the rules, which can change as play goes on.
8. Keep open-ended toys in your home. Building blocks, LEGO, modelling clay, foam shapes and other materials allow children to create their very own scenarios each and every time they play. Unlike some toys on the market, children are not directed how to use these toys, providing an opportunity for them to strengthen their creativity.

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