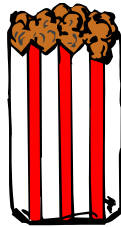
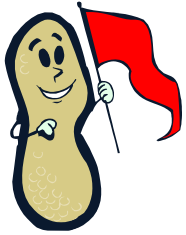


## Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Take me out to the ball game,  
Take me out with the crowd.  
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks,  
I don't care if I never get back,  
Let me root, root, root for the home team,  
If they don't win it's a shame.  
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,  
At the old ball game.



## Butterfly Catcher



Butterflies are fun to catch...but it can be a difficult task for a young child- not to mention possibly damaging those delicate wings. Here is an activity that solves both problems!

Cut butterfly shapes out of lightweight paper. Your child may want to color them. Throw them up in the air and let your child catch them with a wire food strainer.

**Fingerpainting** is a great tactile experience but it is messy.

Take it outside and hose the work area down. Let the artist take a few runs through the sprinkler.

### Ingredients

1/2 cup cornstarch  
3 Tbsp. sugar  
1/2 tsp. salt  
2 cups cold water  
food coloring

### Directions

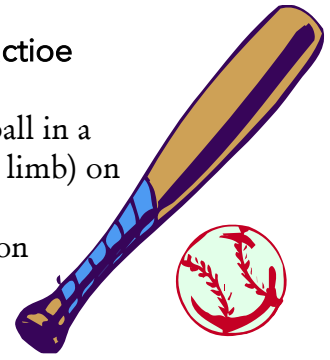
In a medium pan, mix all the ingredients together to make the finger paint. Cook over low heat 10 to 15 minutes. Keep stirring the finger paint mixture until it is smooth and thick. After the finger paint has thickened take the pan off the stove and let the mixture cool.

After cooling, divide the finger paint into storage containers depending on how many colors you would like. Add a few drops of food coloring to each container. Cover tightly when storing.



## Batting Practice

Hang a large whiffle ball in a doorway (or on a tree limb) on a string. For younger children, a large balloon may be easier. Have child bat at ball with a paper towel roll, plastic rolling pin, or plastic bat- gripping with both hands on the ends. You can even sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" while they bat.



## Jumping Over the River

Here is a great, open-ended activity to use those large muscles. Set up several carpet squares inside, or out. Children can imagine they are jumping on rocks in the river. Or they may want to be mountain goats, jumping from rock to rock. The younger the child, the closer the carpets need to be in relation each other. Create a challenge for older children by spacing the carpets further apart.

