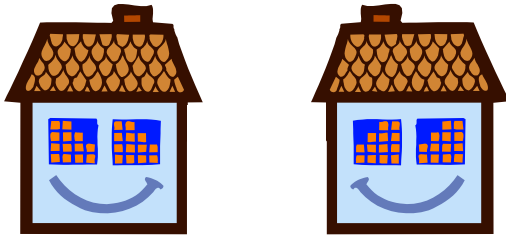


Two Little Houses

Two little houses,
Closed up tight. (*close fists*)
Let's open the windows,
And let in some light. (*open fists*)



Get Moving with Dice

You will need an empty square tissue box, or other small, square box.
Cut pictures of animals from magazines or print from images on the web. Tape a different animal picture on each side of the box.



Roll the "dice". Pretend to be whichever animal lands on the top.

You can also make one with dots just like a real die and do a particular activity that number of times. For example, if the die lands with two up, then jump two times.



"Hammer" and "Nails"

Save that block of Styrofoam from any holiday gifts!
Let your child practice driving "nails" (golf tees) into "wood" (Styrofoam) with a "hammer" (plastic or wooden toy hammer)
This is a great activity to help develop hand-eye coordination.

Printmaking

Printmaking is an art technique where a surface is painted and then pressed onto a piece of paper. Two easy techniques are listed below:

Bubble Wrap-

Save bubble wrap from any holiday packaging. You child will paint onto the bubble wrap (a picture, a design...whatever strikes them). Before the paint dries press it *firmly* onto a piece of art paper and gently peel away.

Foam Tray Etchings-

Using a clean, foam meat or vegetable tray, cut off the curved edges so you are left with a flat piece of foam. You child can draw a picture with a sharp pencil into the foam. Use a toothpick to make finer lines. Paint the surface of the etched foam tray. Rub *gently and evenly* onto a piece of art paper.



Rainbow Snow

Brighten up the endless white scenery with some color! Fill plastic spray bottles with water and food dye. Let your child have a blast spraying and changing the color of snow.

Since this activity can be done on an outside step which has been cleared of snow, children who are adverse to snow don't have to get cold and wet and can still enjoy this activity.

Using spray bottles helps strengthen the two fingers and thumb needed for writing.