

Week 2 Reading Assignment

Materials That Appeal to the Senses



Bring your children and families' cultures into the classroom by adding materials that are a part of their daily lives.

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Aromatic materials and experiences

- Wool, felt, and leather balls
- Sturdy rubber balls and teething rings
- Tennis balls
- Sturdily constructed cloth bags filled with common household spices
- Wicker baskets and woven mats
- Newspaper

Sound-producing materials and experiences

- Rattles
- Firmly sealed film cans partially filled with beans, rice, pea gravel, water
- Rain sticks
- Castanets, harmonicas
- Pan lids, metal juice can lids, metal and wooden spoons and bowls
- Bells, wrist bells
- Crinkly paper
- Wind chimes, ticking clocks, chiming clocks, music boxes

Materials That Appeal to the Senses (continued)

Materials to touch, taste, and look at

- Pine cones
- Medium stones
- Shells
- Dried gourds
- Large nuts, fresh avocado pits
- Big feathers
- Pumice stone
- Corks
- Natural sponge
- Pieces of loofah
- Lemons, apples
- Wooden balls
- Small baskets
- Bottle corks
- Small raffia mats
- Brushes with natural bristles and wooden handles (for nails, teeth, shaving, shoes, house painting, cosmetics)

Materials That Appeal to the Senses (continued)

Wooden objects

- Small boxes
- Small drum on wooden frame
- Clothes pins
- Colored beads on a string
- Inch cubes
- Spools
- Spoons, spatulas
- Egg cups
- Small bowls



Materials That Appeal to the Senses (continued)

Metal objects

- Measuring spoons
- Spoons
- Small whisks
- Bunches of keys
- Small cookie tins
- Small pot-pie tins
- Chains of various sizes
- Lemon squeezer
- Small funnels
- Brass curtain rings
- Small harmonica
- Garlic press
- Whistles
- Bottle brushes
- Small metal mirrors
- Key rings linked together
- Bunches of bells
- Triangles
- Closed tins (containing rice, beans, gravel)
- Tea strainers
- Lengths of chain
- Bicycle bells
- Tea infusers

Materials That Appeal to the Senses (continued)

Objects made of leather, cloth, rubber, fur

- Leather purse
- Small leather bag/key case with zipper
- Glasses case
- Colored marble “eggs”
- High-bouncer balls
- Lengths of rubber tubing
- Bath/drain plugs with chain
- Velvet powder puffs
- Fur ball
- Small rag dolls
- Bean bags
- Balls of yarn
- Pot holders
- Bandanas
- Silk scarves
- Golf balls

Materials That Appeal to the Senses (continued)

Paper/cardboard items

- Small spiral notebooks
- Wax paper
- Aluminum foil
- Small cardboard boxes
- Paper towel/cardboard tubes

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