COUNTING PLAY DOUGH

HOW TO USE THIS ACTIVITY

Materials to gather:

Play dough

What to do:

- Download and print the play dough mat onto cardstock.
- If you plan to use it more than once, laminate it or slide it into a plastic sleeve.
- Roll balls of play dough to place on top of each of the circles, counting as you go.
- Then press down on each ball with your index finger to squish it.

Alternatives:

- Instead of play dough, use other manipulatives, like pompoms, buttons or BINGO chips.
- Place round stickers on the circles.
- Use a pompom and a little paint to fill in the circles.
- Use an ink pad and a thumbprint or fingerprint for each of the circles.
- Add color sorting to the activity when you choose the second mat.

PLAY DOUGH RECIPE

Ingredients:

2 Cups of Flour

2 Tbsp of Oil (any oil will do, coconut oil, vegetable oil, even olive oil)

1/2 Cup of Salt

2 Tbsp Cream of Tartar

1 1/2 Cup Boiling Water

Gel Food Coloring (Optional)

Essential oils for scent (Optional)

Instructions:

- Combine all of the dry ingredients
- Add the oil
- Stir in the boiling water until the play dough is smooth
- Once it cools a bit, knead in the gel food coloring (optional)
- Last, add a couple of drops of essential oil in a scent of your choice and knead it into the dough (optional)

^{**}Store in an air-tight container

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