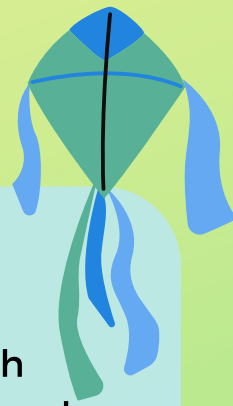




Fun with Pipe Cleaners!



One simple item = endless learning opportunities!

Pipe Cleaner Fishing - Take several pipe cleaners and form a fish shape with them. Use another pipe cleaner to form a hook (just bend one end). Use pipe cleaners in different colors for fish and for a hook. This way it will be easier for your child to hook a fish. Place mason jars or plastic cups on a table and place fish in each. Invite your child to hook and encourage them to go fishing!

Threading - Simply chop up the straws in various lengths. Set them out on a plate or in a bowl and offer your child pipe cleaners to thread them on to. This activity requires children to use the smaller muscles in their hand, which are needed for completing simple tasks like holding a pen, writing, drawing, gripping etc.

Pipe Cleaner Poke - Supply your child with a cardboard box that has small holes poked in the top. Encourage your child to create designs and structures by poking in, twisting and bending their pipe cleaners.

Rainbow Trees - Twist several pipe cleaners together to form a tree and separate the top to represent branches. Supply your child with beads for them to create a 'rainbow' tree by lacing them on to the pipe cleaner branches.

Sound Bottles - Supply your child with a clean water bottle and various lengths of pipe cleaners. Encourage your child to fill their bottle with the colourful pipe cleaners to create a musical toy. Once satisfied - seal the bottle and explore!

