















The dots make a robot from pieces and parts. Looks like we are off to a really fine start.

This is so great! This is so grand! We put him together with our very own hands.

Spot the Robot is finally done; I just do not see what could be more fun!























Make Homemade Ice cream - Learning about Liquids and Solids

Scientific Inquiry: How does a liquid change to a solid?

What do you need to get started?

gallon re-sealable bag
sandwich size re-sealable bag
Ice (2-3 cups of ice)
tablespoons of rock salt
1/2 cup of half and half (can substitute 1% milk)
1/2 teaspoon of vanilla
tablespoon of sugar

Now what?

Place the ice and rock salt in the gallon re-sealable bag and set aside. In the sandwich bag place the 1/2 cup of half and half, 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla, and 1 tablespoon of sugar. Seal the sandwhich bag tightly! Place the sandwich bag in the gallon size bag and seal the gallon size bag securely. Toss the bag from one person to another for about 5 minutes. (The bag will get very cold!) Watch the liquid turn into a yummy treat. Why did the milk turn into ice cream? Why is it so cold?



Find things that Float or Sink - Learning about Buoyancy

Scientific Inquiry: What makes an item float or sink?

What do you need to get started?

Various items that have the potential to float or sink, some examples: (rubber ducks, paper clips, can of soda, bar of soap, rocks, fruit, vegetables, coins, etc.) Tub of Water Piece of construction paper Blue Marker

Now what?

Take a piece of construction paper and draw a water line half way down the page. Send your child on a scavenger hunt of your home or classroom. Ask them to look for the items listed above (or other items you may have on hand). Ask them to place the items they think will float above the water line on the piece of paper. Then have them place the objects they think will sink below the water line on the paper. Now take one object from the float or sink column and have your child put it in the water. Have them record the result by placing the object above or below the water line. Did they guess correctly? Why did some objects float and not the others? What happens if they added weight (like pennies) to the object?



See the Water Cycle - Learning about water and the sun (evaporation) Scientific Inquiry: How does the sun impact evaporation?

What do you need to get started?

1 clear plastic container
l cup of dirt
l cup of water
1 small plant (no taller than the container is deep)

Rocks Rubber band Plastic wrap

Now what?

Place the dirt on one side of the container so that it forms a gentle slope in the container. Press the rocks against the side of the dirt slope and at the bottom of the container. Dig a small hole for the plant and place it in the container. Pour the water on the plant and watch what happens to the water (runoff occurs). Now place the plastic wrap on top of the container and secure it with the rubber band. Set the container outside in the sun and watch what happens. What happens to the water at the bottom of the container? Why do water droplets form on top of the plastic wrap?



Watch the Fly - Learning about Movement and Measurement Scientific Inquiry: How does force affect motion?

What do you need to get started?

Gummy bears Plastic spoons Tape

Now What?

Tape 3 plastic spoons securely to a desk or other structure. On a notecard measure the starting point of the spoon. Now measure 1/2 inch down and mark that on the note card. Next measure 1 inch (1/2 inch down from the previous mark) and mark that on the note card. Now place a gummy bear in the spoon. Have students press the spoon down to the half-inch mark and release. Have students measure how high/far the gummy bear flies. Repeat with the one inch mark. Which gummy bear went the furthest (1/2 inch or 1 inch)? Why? What happens if you put more than one gummy bear on the spoon?



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