

Episode 206: "Quiz Show: What is it This Time?" - Activity 36

Review the five senses with your child (seeing, touching, smelling, hearing, and tasting). Play the Touch and Guess Game. Find and place several interesting textured objects in a large paper grocery bag. While keeping the bag opening almost closed, ask your child to reach in, choose one object, and hold and touch it inside the bag. Ask your child to describe the texture (how it feels) and other properties of the object he/she is holding. Have your child guess what the object might be and then pull it from the bag to determine the accuracy of the guess. If needed, further discuss and examine properties of the object that would have helped your child make a more accurate guess. Repeat the game.

Continue the activity by creating texture prints. Provide your child with several colors of peeled, broken crayons and several sheets of cream or white construction paper or newsprint. Working with your child, demonstrate how to create a texture rubbing by laying the piece of paper on top interesting texture and using the side of the peeled crayon to rub across the paper to capture the texture underneath. Give your child a piece of paper and crayons. Ask your child to attempt to fill his/her Paper with quince (15) rubbings of interesting textures. When finished, discuss the rubbings. Ask your child questions, such as which was his/her favorite rubbing; which produced the most interesting texture; did he/she find quince rubbings; what color(s) did he/she use to make the rubbings; are there repeated rubbings; what shapes can be found in the rubbings?

Note: Young children may have difficulty manipulating the paper and crayon to make a texture rubbing. You may need to assist in holding the paper while the child acquires particularly difficult rubbings.

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