

Episode 121: "The Fruit Fiasco" - Activity 21

On a table or on the floor, place a tub of objects beside a bucket of water. (Use a plastic shower curtain or other large plastic to protect the table or floor.) Challenge your child to find "nueve" (nine) things that will float and "nueve" (nine) things that will sink. As your child tests the objects, have him/her place them into a pile of things that sink and a pile of things that float. After your child finds nine each, discuss what he/she found and then clear the table to begin experimenting with more objects. Be sure to have your child count the objects to verify that he/she has found "nueve" (nine) of each. After your child has (have) had ample opportunity to explore the objects, you may want to extend the activity by asking him/her to make a permanent record for the objects that floated and the ones that sank in a journal or on a large sheet of chart paper. Discuss your child's observations. Assist in discovering patterns and in discussing similarities and differences in objects that floated and objects that sank.

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