



Salty Moon Rocks

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Baby & Toddler



3-5 years



6-12 years



Multiage

HOW DO I SET UP & PLAY?

Curiosity Spark - What could a moon rock look like?

- Measure out ingredients together into a large bowl
- Take turns stirring and adding a little bit of water at a time - it should become harder to stir and start forming a ball.
- If too sticky or wet, knead in a little more flour - this can be done by the children!
- Break off small portions of the salt dough and hand out to children to knead and squish into their moon rock shapes.
- While the children have fun creating rocks line a tray with baking paper. As the children finish, place on the tray and write the child's initials next to each one.
- Bake in a slow oven (I do about 160 degrees celsius) for around 2 hours - but this will depend on the thickness of the 'rocks' - you want them to feel hard.
- While waiting children can label and decorate their 'moon rocks' bag ready to take their treasures home to play with.

EXTENDING LEARNING SPARKS

- Introduce a tray with playdough, kinetic sand or clay along with some smooth shaped pebbles. Ask what happens if the children press the pebbles into the dough or sand surface...do they look a little like craters on the moon.
- Investigate pictures, books and videos of the moon's surface.

WHAT MATERIALS DO I NEED?

- 1 Cup Table (not rock) Salt
- 4 Cups Plain (All-purpose) Flour
- 1.5 Cups Water (approx. You might need a little more or less if too sticky).
- Brown paper bag for each child
- 'Moon Rocks' label from the curiosity sparks space printables pack (or children can draw their own labels).
- Small bowls or clean table space for children to mix and roll their moon rock dough pieces.
- Baking tray, sharpie and non stick paper.



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