

Gak!
Age: 2-4

Purpose of Lesson:
Introduction to new textures.

Learning Objectives:
To have children be exposed and accept a new texture to play with.

Standards: California Preschool Learning Foundations

- Initiative In Learning: Take greater initiative in making new discoveries, identifying new solutions, and persisting in trying to figure things out.

Assessment Tools or Strategies:
Observations and pictures. Pictures can be used in portfolio.

Materials Required: this will make enough for 2/3 kids.

2...4oz bottles of Elmers Glue	Bowl
1 tsp. Borax	Food Coloring
Warm water	

Directions: Empty both bottles of glue into bowl. Fill empty bottles with warm water. Mix glue and water. Add ½ cup of warm water to mixture and add 1 tsp. of Borax. Add food coloring. Divide mixture if making different colored gak BEFORE adding food coloring. Stir, Play!

Classroom Organization:

(Group): Small group of 4-6. Children will use a tray (or just the table) to put their gak on top of.
(One on one): Let child enjoy free play.

Dialogue:

Ask what it feels like. Maybe ask about the different colors if gak was made in bunches of different colors (I just made it all blue).

Action:

Observe children's reaction to the gak. See if they like it, some may be afraid of it. Ask them what they think it is.

Self-Assessment:

If children accept the texture of the gak I will consider it a good day. The child I tested it on loved it and was not afraid of digging in. Child enjoyed making molds with it and seeing it jiggle.

Consideration for English Learners:

Talking in English and Spanish will allow all kids to feel included.

ELD:

Children can practice using new words to express their thoughts. Eg: hot, cold, moving, colors...

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