

Dear Parents,

Since many of you have asked about making playdough at home attached is a copy of the recipe we use in the classroom. If you would like the playdough to have a fresher smell you can replace the vegetable oil with baby oil.

Working with playdough is an excellent way for children to develop all the muscles needed for writing. There are many activities you can do with playdough and the children enjoy doing them because to them they are playing and having fun.

To enhance math skills break off pieces and roll into balls having your child line them up and count them. You can make some balls too and see who has the biggest balls and who has the smallest balls, who made the most and who has the least.

Make ropes and have your child make letters and spell out their name.

Take our cookie cutters and make assorted shapes having your child name the shapes, which enhance science skills.

Your children can spend hours playing with this playdough and the best is that you can make it with them and you can let them choose the color by adding food coloring (add it in the water). It lasts for months if you keep it in an airtight container.

The whole point is just to have fun and enjoy the quality time you get to spend with your child.

Sunshine Room Teachers,
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Microwave Play Dough

Ingredients:

1 c. flour	1/2 c. salt
1 c. water	1 tbsp. vegetable oil
2 tsp. cream of tartar	food coloring

Teacher preparation:

Mix in a microwave-safe bowl the ingredients shown. Place the bowl in the microwave and cook the ingredients on high for three minutes, stopping to stir after each minute. Then turn the dough onto a floured surface and knead it until it's cool. Store the play dough in an airtight container.

