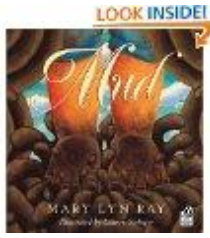


Toddler Tuesday Sheet

May 5th, 2009



Today's topic was Mud! Ooey Gooley Squishy Mud! We read a book – all about how winter turns to spring and out comes the mud! We talked about the season's and what happens to the snow as it gets warmer. We talked about what color the grass and trees are at the end of winter and how spring comes along and everything starts to bloom and turn green. Then we covered the wall with dirty handprints! (Okay – we used paper to put the handprints on but we did cover the walls with our pictures.)

Activities:

1. Good old fashioned MUD! We put some dirt in a big square tub with some buckets and shovels and rakes and we just had fun – digging around and filling containers.
2. Ooey gooley mud – we took some of the same mud from the first activity and we added a LOT of water. It squished between our fingers as we played in it. We also dipped our hands in it and then made the “dirty handprints” for the wall by pressing our muddy hands on paper.
3. Clean mud – this is one of those fun concoctions that feels like mud but won't get you as dirty. Take one bar of ivory soap and grate it up with a cheese grater. Then unroll 2 rolls of toilet paper and shred that up with the soap. Then add lots of water and just keep squeezing the soap and toilet paper together until you get a “muddy” consistency. You can keep this in a lidded container for up to a week or so. Just add water as it starts to dry out. (Note – do NOT flush this down the toilet – it will clog your drains. Throw it out in the regular trash when done)

Other Books about Mud:

Mud Puddle – by Robert Munsch

Stick in the Mud – by Jane Clark and Garry Parsons

Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Rud – by Lynn Plourde

Mud is Cake – by Pam Munoz Ryan

Rabbits and Raindrops – by Jim Arnosky

Cornelius P. Mud, Are You Ready for Bed? – by Barney Saltzberg

I Love Mud and Mud Loves Me – by Vicki Stephens

Brothers are for Making Mud Pies – by Chris L. Demarest

Mud Pies and Other Recipes: A Cookbook for Dolls – by Marjorie Winslow

