

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2	3 "Ice Skate" in your socks	4	5 National Bird Day 	6	7
8	9 First Balloon Ride Day	10	11 Sort Mittens	12	13 National Rubber Ducky Day	14
15 National Hat Day 	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17	18 A.A. Milne's Birthday, - Winnie the Pooh	19 National Popcorn Day	20	21
22	23 Chinese New Year	24	25 National Opposite Day	26	27 Walk Like a Penguin	28 National Kazoo Day
29	30	31 Backwards Day				<u>National Skating Month</u>

Silly Putty

*Add 4 T. of white Elmer's glue to 2 T. of liquid starch. Mix together, if it stays stringy, add a drop of glue. If too brittle add more starch. Chill for at least 3 hours.

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Dental Health Month</u> 			1 Play Shadow Tag	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
5	6 Paint on snow with water colored with food coloring	7	8 Boy Scouts Day	9 Read in the Bathtub Day	10	11
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	18
19	20 President's Day	21 Mardi Gras	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24 Have a Dentist Visit Your Program	25
26 Tell a Fairy Tale Day	27	28	29 Leap Day			

Cold Playdough

1 cup salt -1 cup flour -1/2 cup water
 *Mix all ingredients together to proper consistency.



March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>National Nutrition Month</u>				1 National Pig Day	2 Dr. Seuss's Birthday	3
4	5 Go Fly a Kite	6	7 Sprout grass seed on a wet sponge	8 Purim	9	10 Middle Name Pride Day
11 Daylight Savings begins	12	13 Make a Peanut Butter, Seed and Pinecone Bird Feeder	14	15	16 Look for Four Leaf Clovers	17 St. Patrick's Day 
18	19 Spring begins 	20	21 Lay outside and look for shapes in the clouds	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Make Homemade Trail Mix	30 Take a Walk in the Park Day	31

Clean Crayons

*Mix 2 parts Ivory Snow powder with 1 part water until thick and creamy. Add a desired food coloring drop. Let harden in small molds, or ice cube trays

April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 April Fool's Day	2 National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day	3	4	5 Do the Bunny Hop	6 Good Friday	7 Passover
8 Easter Sunday 	9	10 National Siblings Day	11	12 Fingerpaint with Shaving Cream	13	14
15	16 Paint with Feathers	17	18 International Juggler's Day	19	20 Make a Nature Collage	21
22 Earth Day	23 National Picnic Day	24	25	26 National Pretzel Day 	27	28
29	30 Play Leap Frog	Visit Child Care Lounge.com for more ideas				<u>National Frog Month</u>

Cooked Playdough

1/2 cup salt -1 cup flour -1 cup water -1 T. cooking oil -1 T. cream of tartar --
*Heat over low heat and stir. Remove from heat and knead in a few drops of food coloring

May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>National Bike Month</u>		1 May Day	2	3	4 Make Maracas	5 Cinco de Mayo
6	7 Go Puddle Jumping	8	9 Lost Sock Day 	10 National Clean Your Room Day	11 Provider Appreciation Day!	12
13 Mother's Day	14 Chicken Dance Day 	15	16 Love a Tree Day	17	18	19 Circus Day, Ringling Brother's Anniversary
20	21 Play Charades	22	23 World Turtle Day	24	25 Whistle After Eating Crackers	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31 Set Up a Bike Course		

Finger Paint

*Mix together dry tempera paint with liquid starch or wall paper paste.



June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>National Rose Month</u>					1 National Donut Day 	2
3	4 Aesop's Birthday	5	6 National YoYo Day	7	8 Play Red Light Green Light	9
10	11 Make an Oatmeal Container Drum	12	13	14 Flag Day	15 Make a Rose Petal Sachet	16
17 Father's Day 	18	19 Play I Spy	20	21 Summer begins	22	23 National Pink Day
24	25 Eric Carle's Birthday	26	27 Sunglasses Day	28	29 Dance with Scarves	30

Puffy Tempera Paint

1 part salt, 1 part flour, 1 water, 2 parts dry tempera ---*Mix all ingredients together and put in squeeze bottles.



July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Canada Day	2	3 Have a Parade	4 Independence Day 	5	6	7
8	9	10 Teddy Bear Picnic Day	11	12 Make Homemade Ice Cream	13 Japanese Feast of Lanterns	14
15	16 Make a Blanket Fort	17	18 Walk Like Your Favorite Animal	19	20 Moon Day 	21 National Tug-O-War Day
22	23 National Cowboy Day	24	25	26 Make Homemade Popsicles	27	28 Beatrice Potter's Birthday
29	30 Play with Water Balloons	31	<u>National Ice Cream Month</u>			

Finger Paint

*Mix together dry tempera paint with liquid starch or wall paper paste.

August 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Have a Scavenger Hunt	2	3 National Watermelon Day	4
5 Friendship Day	6	7 Toss Wet Sponges into a Bucket	8	9 Book Lovers Day 	10	11
12	13 Play Hot Potato	14	15 Make Sock Puppets	16	17	18 Wizard of Oz Day
19 National Aviation Day	20	21	22 National Tooth Fairy Day	23 National Gymnastics Day	24	25 National Dog Day
26	27	28	29 Mary Poppins' Birthday	30	31	<u>National Picnic Month</u> 

Oatmeal Fun Dough

2 cups uncooked oatmeal-1 cup flour -1/4 cup water

*Mix all ingredients and knead dough.

September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Classical Music Month</u>					Remember Child Care Lounge for your Training	1
2	3 Labor Day	4	5 Paint While Listening to Music	6	7	8 International Literacy Day
9 Grandparents Day	10	11 Make Your Bed Day	12	13 National Peanut Day 	14	15
16 Rosh Hashanah	17	18 Make Silhouette Portraits	19	20	21 International Peace Day	22 Autumn Begins 
23	30	24	25 Yom Kippur	26 Johnny Appleseed Day	27 Make Homemade Applesauce	28
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Super Bubbles

1 cup water

2 T. light karo syrup

4 T. liquid dish soap

*Mix all ingredients together.

October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 World Cookie Day	2	3	4 Make a Scarecrow	5	6 Mad Hatter Day
7	8 Columbus Day 	9	10 Paint Squash	11	12 Farmer's Day	13
14	15 National Grouch Day	16	17 Make Masks 	18	19 Sort Fall Leaves	20
21	22	23 Make a Jack O Lantern	24	25 Take a Field Trip to a Pizza Parlor	26 World Pasta Day	27
28	29 Roast Pumpkin Seeds for Snack	30	31 Halloween			<u>National Pizza Month</u>

Rubber Dough

2 cups baking soda -1 1/2 cup water -1 cup cornstarch

*Mix with fork. Boil over medium heat until thick. Cool on flat surface.

November 2012


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Cookie Monster's Birthday	3
4 Daylight Savings ends	5 Eat a Pomegranate	6	7 International Tongue Twister Day	8	9	10 Compare Colors on Indian Corn
11 Veteran's Day	12	13 World Kindness Day	14 National Pickle Day 	15 America Recycles Day	16 National Button Day	17
18 Mickey Mouse's Birthday	19 Jump in the Leaves	20	21 Make a Train by Lining Up Chairs	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27 Paint with Dry Corncobs	28	29 National Square Dance Day	30	<u>National Model Railroad Month</u> 

Colored Sand

2 tsp dry tempera paint-1 cup sand-1 tsp water

*Add the dry tempera paint to the sand and mix it well. Add the water and allow to dry several hours before using.

December 2012

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>National Learn a Foreign Language Month</u>							1
2		3 Practice Counting in Spanish	4	5 Disney's Birthday	6 St. Nicolas Day	7	8
9 Hanukkah begins	10	11 Bake Cookies	12	13	14 Monkey Day 	15	
16	17	18 Mother Goose Day	19	20 Go Caroling Day	21 Winter begins	22	
23	30	24	31 New Year's Eve	25 Christmas Day 	26 Kwanzaa	27	28 Make Holiday Card Collages
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Gingerbread Cinnamon Dough

1 cup ground cinnamon-1 tsp of ginger-1 cup applesauce-1/4 cup white school glue (optional)-*Add the cinnamon and ginger to the applesauce. You may add glue for added thickness.

Store unused dough in a bowl with plastic wrap as a cover