

Meadow Crest Early Learning Center Math Activities

Week of June 15th

Activity: Playdough Smash - Subtraction

Subtraction can always be a little tricky for young learners. This on-hands activity will help your child develop number relationships and learn subtraction facts and understand the concept of "taken away".



©Learning Targets:

- I can learn to count to ten by .
- I can learn to recognize numerals by .
- I can learn to balance my body by

Materials Needed:

- Playdough. (Playdough recipe here https://youtu.be/NGNRn3HAyJg)
- A mat or a tray to roll the playdough.
- A die*
- o Paper to write and a pencil. (You can use a white board too)
- * If you don't have a die use this virtual Roll Dice here shorturl.at/jBEM5

✓ Directions/Instruction:

- **1.** For this activity have your children roll a die. This tells them how many Play-Dough balls to roll out on the mat.
- 2. Then roll a die again, this tells them how many Play-Dough balls to smash.
- 3. Ask your children to tell you how many balls are left.



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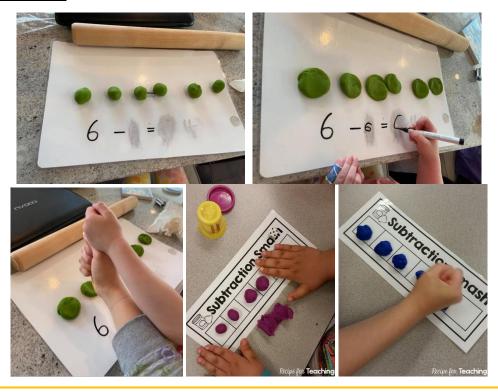
Not ready yet:

- Have your children roll a die and tell them how many Play Dough balls to make. You can help them to make it.
- > Tell your children to smash only one ball, count together how many balls are left.
- Repeat previous steps, just remember to only smash one ball each time.

Need a challenge:

- Ask your children to tell you a number or write it down on a piece of paper and make as many Play Dough balls to match the number.
- Roll a die, ask your children to tell you the number and smash that many balls.
- Show your children how to write the equation on paper. Explain that a dash is the symbol used in math to represent that an item is taking away from a group, and that it reads "minus". Remind your children what is the meaning of equal =.
- If your children are ready, have them roll the die two times and write the numbers, then make Play Dough Balls and smash them according to the second number they got. Encourage them to write the numeral that matches the quantity left.

Visuals/Examples:





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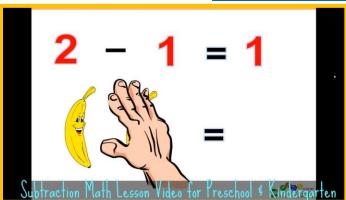
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