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Activity Lesson Plan

Domain: Cognitive Development

Theme: Halloween Fun

Description: Pumpkin Sorting Adventure engages children in sorting colorful pumpkins of various sizes, colors, and shapes. This activity promotes cognitive skills by enhancing recognition of colors, shapes, & sizes, while also fostering sorting & categorization abilities in a playful & engaging manner.

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize and name different colors and shapes
- Differentiate between sizes (small, medium, large)
- Develop sorting and categorization skills
- Enhance fine motor skills using glue sticks
- Foster creativity through collage-making

Instructions:

1. Preparation:

Arrange a table or mat where children can sit or stand comfortably. Place the different colored, shaped, and sized pumpkins, glue sticks, markers, crayons, and construction paper in an easily accessible area.

2. Introduction to Activity:

Gather the children and introduce the activity by showing them the pre-cut pumpkins. Explain that they will be sorting the pumpkins by color, size, or shape and then creating their own Halloween collage.

3. Demonstration:

Demonstrate sorting a few pumpkins by color, size, or shape. Show how to use a glue stick to attach a pumpkin to the construction paper.

4. Encourage Participation:

Invite children to take turns sorting the pumpkins by different attributes. Guide them in using gluesticks to make their own Halloween-themed collage.

Materials Needed:

- Pre-cut paper or foam pumpkins in different colors (orange, white, green, purple)
- Pumpkins of various sizes (small, medium, large)
- Pumpkins in various shapes (round, oval, tall)
- Glue sticks
- Large black or orange construction paper
- Markers or crayons
- Sorting trays or bins



5. Facilitate & Guide:

Encourage children to continue sorting and gluing independently or in pairs. Offer support and positive reinforcement, especially for those needing extra help understanding the sorting criteria or using glue sticks.

6. Discussion & Reflection:

After the collage-making is completed, gather the children & discuss their creations. Ask open-ended questions

- "What colors did you use?"
- "Which pumpkin is the biggest?"

Celebrate Successes

Use praise & rewards (such as stickers or a round applause) to recognize children's efforts & successes in sorting correctly

Teaching Strategies:

Scaffold Learning:

- Start with sorting by a single attribute, such as color (orange, green, purple). Gradually introduce more complex sorting criteria, like sorting by size (small, medium, large) or shape (round, tall). This will help children build confidence and understanding step by step.

Use Visual Aids:

- Display a color, shape, or size chart with different types of pumpkins (e.g., images of small orange pumpkins, tall green pumpkins) to help children make connections during sorting. Visual representations can clarify sorting rules for younger learners.

Transition Ideas:

Pumpkin Song Transition:

- Use a fun, pumpkin-themed transition song to signal the beginning or end of the activity. For example, sing a simple tune like "Five Little Pumpkins" to gather the group's attention and smoothly transition into the sorting activity or the next task.

Movement Breaks:

- Incorporate a physical activity during transitions by having children pretend to be pumpkins. They can "roll like pumpkins" or act as if they are growing bigger and bigger, then "shrink back" to their seats. This helps them release energy and re-focus for the next part of the day.

Halloween Pumpkin Sorting Developmental Checklist

Child's Name: _____ Date: _____

Cognitive Development

Color Recognition:

- Can identify and name the colors of pumpkins (e.g., orange, green, purple).
- Needs assistance recognizing or naming colors.

Size Differentiation:

- Can distinguish between different sizes of pumpkins (e.g., small, medium, large).
- Needs guidance understanding size differences.

Shape Recognition:

- Can recognize different shapes of pumpkins (e.g., round, oval, tall).
- Needs help identifying or differentiating shapes.

Sorting Skills:

- Successfully sorts pumpkins by a single attribute (e.g., color or size).
- Can sort pumpkins by multiple attributes (e.g., both color and size).
- Needs support to complete sorting tasks or understand the criteria.

Problem-Solving:

- Can independently determine how to sort the pumpkins based on given criteria.
- Needs assistance with sorting decisions or problem-solving during the activity.



Observed the child's engagement and interest level in the activity. Provided specific examples of how the child responded to sorting tasks. Noted any challenges or additional support the child may need.

Additional Comments: _____

Educator _____

