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Activity Lesson Plan :Holiday Ornament Decorating Activity

Theme: In the Kitchen

Domain: Cognitive & Motor Skills Development

Activity Description: In this activity, children will decorate paper or wooden ornaments to hang on a classroom tree or take home as a holiday keepsake. Using a variety of craft supplies, they'll personalize their ornaments with colors, shapes, & textures, practicing fine motor skills and self-expression.



Materials Needed:

- Snowman cut-out sheet
- Safety scissors
- Glue sticks
- Crayons or markers
- Construction paper



Learning Objectives:

Fine Motor Skills:

- Improve hand-eye coordination through cutting, gluing, & assembling snowman pieces.
- Practice precision in handling small parts, such as buttons & facial features.

Color & Shape Recognition:

- Identify colors on the snowman parts (if colored) & different shapes (e.g., round buttons, hat shapes).
- Sort & select different snowman parts.

Creativity & Self-Expression:

- Encourage children to personalize their snowman by choosing unique facial expressions, hats, & mittens.
- Foster independence in making decorating choices.

Social-Emotional Development:

- Engage in a group activity, learning to share materials & appreciate others' designs.
- Build self-confidence through self-expression & positive reinforcement.

Step-by-Step Instructions:

Introduction:

- Begin by discussing holiday decorations and the significance of ornaments. Show examples of decorated ornaments and talk about shapes, colors, and textures typically used in holiday décor.

Guided Decoration:

- Give each child a blank ornament and demonstrate how to glue, color, or apply decorations. Encourage them to think about how they want their ornament to look, using holiday colors like red, green, white, gold, and silver.

Independent Decorating:

- Allow children to decorate their ornaments independently, using a variety of materials. Offer guidance as needed, encouraging them to experiment with patterns, textures, and colors.

Reflection & Sharing :

- Gather the group and invite each child to show their ornament, explaining why they chose certain colors or decorations. Encourage positive feedback from peers to foster a sense of community and appreciation for everyone's creativity.

Teaching Strategies:

Encouraging Choice & Personalization

- Explanation: Provide a variety of decorating materials and encourage children to choose the colors and decorations that appeal to them. Offer prompts like, "What color would you like your ornament to be?" or "Would you like to add glitter or stickers?" This allows each child to make unique design choices and personalize their ornament.
- Purpose: Offering choices helps children develop self-expression and decision-making skills. It also fosters creativity by allowing them to create a one-of-a-kind ornament that reflects their preferences.

Using Positive Reinforcement & Descriptive Praise

- Explanation: Reinforce children's efforts and specific decorating choices with positive comments, such as, "I love how you used the red glitter to make your ornament sparkle!" or "You did a great job with the stickers!" This reinforces their actions and encourages further engagement in the activity.
- Purpose: Descriptive praise builds confidence and encourages children to continue making creative choices. Positive reinforcement also supports social-emotional development by acknowledging each child's effort and boosting self-esteem.



Developmental Domains Checklist: Ornament Decorating

Fine Motor Skills:

- ☐ Child uses glue, crayons, or small decorations with increasing control.
- ☐ Handles small items, such as glitter and stickers, with coordination.

Cognitive Development:

- ☐ Recognizes holiday colors (red, green, white, gold, silver) and shapes (circles, stars).
- ☐ Creates patterns or organizes decorations in intentional ways.

Language & Communication:

- ☐ Uses descriptive language to talk about their ornament and the decorations chosen.
- ☐ Engages in sharing, listening to peers' ornament explanations, and providing feedback.

Social-Emotional Development:

- ☐ Shares materials and takes turns with peers in a group setting.
- ☐ Shows pride and appreciation in their own and others' creations.

Sensory Exploration:

- ☐ Engages with various textures (smooth stickers, rough glitter, soft pom-poms).
- ☐ Observes the different visual effects created by shiny, sparkly, or matte materials.

Additional Comments:

Observation Notes:

Signature

