



National Ice Cream Day | Florida Dairy Farmers Ice Cream Sensory Bins

In honor of National Ice Cream Day, we're creating some "sweet" sensory bins. Sensory bins are a great way to encourage creative play, practice new vocabulary, sorting skills, and work on fine motor skills as well! Try these two different sensory bins for great tactile variety.

COLORFUL SPRINKLES BIN

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Gather materials:

- Tupperware / Large Ziplock Bag
- Tray / Cookie Sheet
- Small Bowls / Cups
- Plastic / Paper Cones
- Cupcake Holders
- Neon Food Coloring
- Ice Cream Scoop
- Large Bin
- Dried Rice
- Vinegar

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Add 1 cup of dried rice into a large Ziplock bag.

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Add 1 teaspoon of vinegar and about 3-4 drops of a food coloring of your choice into the bag.

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Close the bag and shake until the rice is completely coated in color.

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Repeat steps 2-4 with 2-3 other colors, then spread all the rice out onto a tray and let dry.

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Combine all the dry rice into a large bin and mix the different colors together.



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Add extra toys to play with to the bin, like cupcake holders, an ice cream scoop, bowls/cups, cones, etc.



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Gather materials:

- 8 Cups of Flour
- 1 ½ Cups of Vegetable Oil
- Oil-based Food Coloring
- Large Bowl / Bin
- Mixing Spoons
- Pom Poms
- Ice Cream Scoop
- Cupcake Holders
- Small Bowls / Cups
- Plastic / Paper Cones
- Large Bin

ICE CREAM CLOUD DOUGH BIN



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Pick a color for your ice cream. For "vanilla" ice cream, do not add any food coloring. Pour 1 ½ cups of vegetable oil into a bowl. Add an oil-based food coloring to the oil and mix until completely colored to your liking.

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Combine the colored oil and flour in a large bowl and mix together with a mixing spoon.

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Test the texture. You should be able to easily mold it with your hands. Add more oil if it's too dry or more flour if it's too wet.

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Place the "ice cream" dough in a large bin and add any extra toys, like an ice cream scoop, pom poms, bowls/cups, cones, etc.

ENJOY PLAYING WITH
BOTH YOUR BINS!