Halloween Sensory Bins

SENSORY BINS

This Halloween, explore the sense of touch in a creepy way! Use these themed sensory bins to feel a variety of different textures, sort through some creepy critters, or feel cold sensations. These hands-on, tactile experiences help little hands practice fine motors skills, build vocabulary, and encourage creative play.

Gather materials:

- Cup
- Tray
- Large Bin
- Dried Black Beans
- Dried White Rice
- White Vinegar
- Shovels / Tools / Cups
- Food Coloring (red & yellow)
- Large Plastic Bag (or Tupperware with lid)
- Halloween Themed Manipulatives (like fake bugs, spiders, pumpkins, eyeballs, etc.)

Creepy Critters

BIN 1
In a small cup, mix 2 drops of red food coloring and 4 drops of yellow food coloring. Mix together to make orange.

Add 1 tablespoon of vinegar and the orange food coloring from your cup.

Pour dried white rice into a large plastic bag or a large Tupperware.

Close your bag or Tupperware completely and shake until your rice is completely colored orange.
6. Take your rice and lay it out on a tray to dry.

7. In a large bin, add dried white rice, then add dried black beans to it.

8. Once your orange rice is dry, add that to your bin as well.

9. Now add any Halloween themed decorations, shovels, and tools to play with in your bin.

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The next day, use your grater to shred your 3 bars of ivory soap.

Keep your soap bars in the freezer over night to make them COLD!

Gather materials:
- Black Construction Paper / Craft Foam
- Playing Tools (optional)
- 3 bars Ivory Soap
- 1 Toilet Paper Roll
- Cold Water
- Large Bin
- Grater
- Scissors
4. Tear a roll of toilet paper up into pieces and place into the bin with soap shreds.

5. Slowly add cold water to the bin.

6. Mix the pieces together with your hands.

7. Continue adding cold water and mixing until you reach a desired consistency.

**NOTE:**
It should be a soapy, dough-like consistency.
Begin molding your dough into a ghost shape. Cut small circles from your black construction paper or black foam and use them as the eyes and mouth for your dough ghosts!

Add any tools (rollers, cutters, etc.) to your bin and continue playing with your dough!