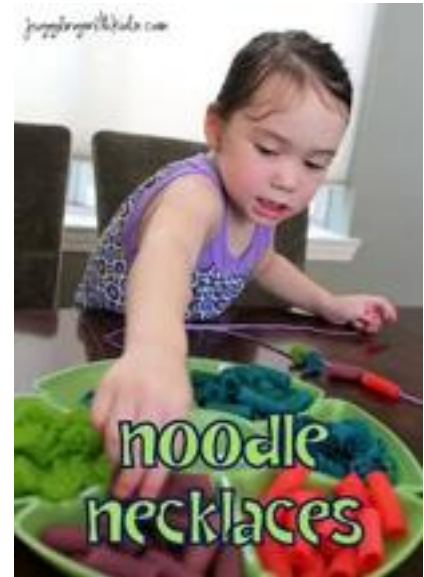


Letter of the week “N”

Noodle Necklaces



What you will need

- Noodles (tube noodles such as macaroni, penne, rigatoni, wheels)
- string
- Paint
- Paintbrushes
- Paper towels
- Tape

Instructions

1. Tape some string to the end of the table so it is secure and can't be moved. This will make it easier for the child to have control over their threading during this activity.
2. Provide your child with different shapes of pasta for them to thread on their string. Some can be thin, long, small, big etc. Allow them to choose what they would like promoting independence
3. After they have threaded their pasta on their string. You can then allow them to paint the pasta making it colourful and pretty. This can be messy so maybe doing it on a paper towel or an old newspaper would be good for this.

Making Noodle Necklaces is a fun activity to introduce young children to learn about the letter N. They might already be somewhat familiar with it but It is an activity that can let it be more of a focus. It is a super simple and fun craft activity to identify what the letter N looks like and what sound it makes. Making Noodle Necklaces also provides an opportunity to talk about the letter, make connections with spoken language and real life experiences. Threading pasta into Noodle Necklaces is also a great activity for fine motor development and eye-hand coordination.

Ideas for conversation during this activity to promote learning

- Make patterns along the string with colours and different pasta.
- Count out loud the number as each piece of pasta is threaded onto the Noodle Necklace.
- Talk about the different colours and their names.
- Talk about the letter N, what sound it makes and other words that begin with this sound.
- Sing songs about the letter n.

Learning opportunities

- Fine Motor Development
- Hand-Eye Coordination and Control
- Concentration
- Language development – shape names
- Encourages and promotes imaginative play and creativity.
- Letter recognition
- Language development – hearing the sound and saying it out loud.
- Identify and recognise Colours

