

Directions for Making Texture Books:

Materials:

Homemade or store bought age appropriate books, a variety of scraps, markers, glue, scissors.

Instructions:

Add textures to each page of the book. Use textures to highlight vocabulary or concepts on each page. When all of the pages have textures, punch holes along the left edge of the book. Use notebook rings to keep the book pages together. When reading the book, encourage students to explore the textures of each page. Some students may require hand over hand assistance to explore. You can do this to any book to make it more three dimensional and more interactive.

Directions for Making Paper Bag Books:

Materials:

Brown or white paper lunch sacks, duct tape, stapler, markers, scissors, die cut shapes or pictures.

Instructions:

Staple lunch bags together along open edge. Cover with duct tape. Glue die cut shapes or pictures under the flap of the lunch bag. Write on the left side of the bag either a description for the item under the flap or place a color and color label that matches a colored object under the flap. You can make books to match any theme and they are cheap, cheap, cheap.

Directions for Making Gel Bags:

Materials:

Ziplock freezer bags, clear or colored hair gel (Meijer brand works best), confetti or sequins, duct tape, scissors (laminated letters, name cards, pictures or symbols are optional).

Instructions:

(Sensory Bag) - Fill Ziplock bag about 2/3 full of hair gel. Add sequins or confetti. Seal bag tightly. Cover opening with duct tape to prevent leaking.

(Writing Bag) - Fill Ziplock about 1/2 way full. You may or may not choose to add sequins or confetti. You may want to add laminated pictures, symbols, a name card or letters to trace or point to. This can be used with any theme and is a great sensory enhancement.

WARNING: laminated items must be cut with rounded corners, or you will puncture your gel bag!

Directions for Making a Glove Activity:

Materials:

A gardening or bath glove, hook and loop Velcro, glue gun, picture symbols or objects, scissors.

Instructions:

Laminate picture symbols, place a small piece of hook Velcro on the back of each symbol or object. Hot glue a piece of loop Velcro on each finger of the glove. Put on or take off the symbols as you read a poem, song, or story. Five Little anything works great with this activity or make up your own story, song, or poem. Use for sequencing or for reinforcing vocabulary for any theme.