

4C's Weekly Activities June 27-July 1 Theme: MUD

Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wednesday 30	Thursday 1	Friday 2
<p>Literacy Activity</p> <p>Letters in the Sand (Or Dirt!)</p> <p>Fill a shallow pan with dirt or sand, just enough to cover the bottom. Show your child how they can write their name in the dirt. Your child can use their finger, a stick, a paintbrush, etc,. Show them what the letters look like or even place a paper with their name in the pan under the dirt and let them trace it.</p>	<p>Math Activity</p> <p>HAPPY INTERNATIONAL MUD DAY!!</p> <p>Learn more about International Mud Day here!</p> <p>Brick Laying with Mud</p> <p>Set out a bunch of small bricks, blocks, or sticks and gave the kids a bucket of mud and some shovels. Let your child grab their bricks, slather a layer of mud on each one, and then use their trowels to scrape off the excess.</p>	<p>Science Activity</p> <p>Mud Play</p> <p>Materials: pail or small bucket; water</p> <p>For many adults, making mud is not a clear winner. It's so common (and understandable) to ask, "Making mud? Is it really worth the mess?"</p> <p>It turns out the simple act of making mud is a universally powerful pastime for young people (and not bad for us big kids, either). Yes, kids get messy. But, with few exceptions, kids get completely absorbed in mud play.</p> <p>Pack a few materials, Clear your spot, and pour a little water. Then, let your child do the pouring. Allow (or help) your child to fill up their pails or cups and dump water as often as they like. Let them continue to pour, mix and make mud on their own, but do the same alongside them.</p> <p>Extension: Make a mud pie by forming a fistful of mud into a patty and plopping it down somewhere. Start to combine mud and sticks to make a structure of some kind. Gather nature treasures to decorate the mud. Kids will likely get intrigued by what you are doing and want to try it too.</p>	<p>Art Activity</p> <p>(Mud) Cake Decorating</p> <p>Listen to the story, Mud Tacos!</p> <p>After listening to the story, use a muffin tin or pie pan, fill it up with dirt or mud and pretend it is a cake. Have your child decorate the cake with leaves, grass, rocks, ANYTHING!</p> <p>You can make cakes, mud tacos (like in the book!) or any other sort of food. Pretend to be in a mud restaurant!</p>	<p>Social Emotional/Movement Activity</p> <p>Faces for the Trees</p> <p>Materials: water, bucket, towel</p> <p>Start by asking your child, "What if trees had faces? Before they actually get their hands dirty, prompt them to close their eyes and picture the face they would like to make for the trees. Before you bust out the mud, send kids off to gather objects to use for the various features of their face. Then stick the mud and materials onto the trees! All dirt is different, so add water gradually until your mixture thickens to the right consistency (think thick brownie batter). While kids work, remain available to help them if they ask, but let them do as much as they can. Bring some kind of bucket and tap water. Suggest that your kids introduce their mud faces to you (and the group, if you have one), encouraging them to tell as much as they can about the face. How is the face feeling?</p>

