

Picnics Are Fun! Art Activity

Teaching Notes

- Put up the **flashcards** so the children can see them during the activities. Quickly review them.
- Choose one of the art activities below to do with students.

Art Activity 1: Monoprints

- Tape off a section of the table, so each child can have his/her own space. (Or, tape off a section on one table and let children take turns going up to do their monoprints.)
- Put a small spoonful of paint in a shallow foil pan. Any color of the paints you use at school is fine.
- Add 3 spoonfuls of liquid starch to the paint, and show children how to mix them together. (Or, use commercial finger paints.)
- Spread out the paint in the taped-off space of the table and then, with your fingers, draw one of the vocabulary words.
- When you have finished, put the paper gently on top of the drawing and gently pat it so that the paint gets on the paper.
- Gently peel off the sheet, and place the monoprint somewhere to dry.
- When dry, ask each child what he/she drew. Write a title on each page (*Cookies/ A banana, etc.*)

Art Activity 2: Making Different Food Models from Dough

- **Before class, make** a large batch of the modelling dough (below).

Microwave Modelling Dough Recipe

- **2 cups of flour**
- **2 cups of water**
- **1 cup of salt**
- **2 teaspoons of cream of tartar**
- **2 tablespoons of cooking oil**
- **(optional) food coloring**
- **Mix ingredients in a large, microwaveable bowl.**
- **Microwave on High for 5 minutes. Stop every minute to stir, until the mixture is thick.**

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- **Cool and knead the dough until it is smooth.**
- **Store it in a clean, dry place.**

- Give each child some of the dough.
- Students make models of the different foods and drinks they would take on a picnic.
- Put each child's sculpture(s) on a paper plate (with his/her name on it) to dry.
- Let the food dry for several days before painting it.
- Note: Once the food sculptures have dried, you can let the children use them to play the games on the **games** sheet.