



Dear Mind Molder:

Please accept this gift in celebration of our 55<sup>th</sup> birthday. Enclosed, you'll find three samples of our classic-colored Play-Doh, proven to stimulate motor skill development and creativity in children. As an age-old classic toy, we trust you know Play-Doh is fun to play with. But, Play-Doh also has several other benefits.

Play-Doh:

- ✓ helps develop **agility** and **hand-brain coordination**
- ✓ is **non-toxic, non-irritating** and **non-allergenic**
- ✓ is easy to clean off any surface
- ✓ is reusable and, when sealed properly in its container, can last for years

Play-Doh has been used in classrooms across the world to supplement teaching methods. Below are some ideas on how to include Play-Doh in your lesson plans.

## Lesson Plans

### My Rainbow

**Purpose:**  
Students identify and order the colors of a rainbow.

**Objectives:**

- Students will learn the colors of a rainbow.
- Students will learn the order of the colors of a rainbow by using the mnemonic ROY G BIV.
- Students will use PLAY-DOH compound for a "hands-on" experience building a rainbow.

**Curriculum Areas:**

- Science
- Visual Arts

**Themes:**

- Colors

**Supplies Needed:**

- PLAY-DOH compound: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo (can be made by using blue and white), and violet (purple).
- Washable markers (same colors as PLAY-DOH compound)
- White construction paper
- Light blue poster board
- Prism
- Flashlight
- The book *I Never Saw a Purple Cow*

**Directions:**

- Begin lesson by asking students if they have ever seen a rainbow? What did they notice about the rainbow? Do they think all rainbows are alike? Explain that even though rainbows may differ in size there is one way they are the same. They have the same colors and those colors come in the same order in every rainbow.
- Tell the students that rainbows are caused by light that is bent by water in the air. (This is not a concept that the students at this age have to fully understand.) Show the students the prism. Tell them that the prism acts the same as water. It bends the light and forms the same colors like a rainbow. Use the flashlight to demonstrate.
- Discuss that the colors of the rainbow are: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet and that's the order of a rainbow's colors. We can use a special phrase to remember the order. By using the first letter of...

	Pre	K	1	2
Science	✓	✓		
Social Studies				
Math				
Language Arts				
Fine Arts				
Visual Arts	✓	✓		

## Lesson Plans

### Shape Up

**Purpose:**  
Introduction to basic shapes.

**Objectives:**

- Students will recognize basic shapes: triangle, square, rectangle, and circle.
- Students will be able to form these basic shapes from PLAY-DOH compound.
- Students will be able to draw these basic shapes.
- Students will be able to seek and find these shapes within the classroom.

**Curriculum Areas:**

- Language Arts
- Math

**Themes:**

- Shapes

**Supplies Needed:**

- PLAY-DOH compound (four colors)
- Triangle, square, circle, and rectangle shapes
- Modeling tools
- Math journal
- Pencil

**Directions:**

- Hold up a clock (clock should have a circle outline) for the students to see and ask: "What shape is this?" Then pass out circle shapes for each child to hold.
- Next, pass out enough PLAY-DOH compound to each

	Pre	K	1	2
Science				
Social Studies				
Math		✓	✓	
Language Arts		✓	✓	
Fine Arts				
Visual Arts				

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