



Spring Flowers



Specific Learning Focus:

Paper plate flower craft activity focuses on the physical developmental domain for children between ages 3-5 years old.

Curriculum objective:

The child(ren) will create a fun spring activity with the use of paper plates, scissors and paint to make a flower for Spring. The child(ren) will get scissor practice as he or she cuts flower petals. The practice of using scissors will strengthen the child's fine motor skills, which will help with gripping pencils correctly and handwriting.

Materials:

- ✓ Small paper plates
- ✓ Paint (blue, red, yellow, orange)
 - ✓ Scissors
 - ✓ Glue
- ✓ Wooden sticks

Preparation:

Clean table and set out materials for the child(ren). After painting make sure the child(ren) wash their hands. Due to the child(ren) barely getting introduced to scissors it is important that you pay close attention to the child(ren) as they cut the flower petals.

Procedure:

Read about Spring or Talk about flowers, butterflies, blue skies, etc. A great book suggestion is a Mouse Loves Spring by Lauren Thompson. After reading about springtime and what is seen during Springtime, start the art activity. The child(ren) will receive a white paper plate and will cut small slits on the sides of paper plates. Go back through and cut another slit so that the slits connect and you cut out a small piece. That will make the petals. Have child(ren) paint the petals and center of the flower with any of the colors provided.

References:

Thompson, Lauren. (2005). *Mouse Loves Spring* . New york: Simon Spotlight.

