Pizza Party



WTG At Home, Spring Quarter Weeks 3 & 4

Materials listed in purple will be provided at February 25th Art Pickup

Art Activity: Pepper Stamping

Materials: White construction paper, bell pepper, washable paint

Directions: Cut a bell pepper in half (the short way). Scoop out seeds. Have your toddler dip the pepper in different colored paint and stamp the shapes onto the white paper.

Adaptations: Try other vegetables! Be sure to pick ones that are sturdy and not juicy. Potatoes, carrots, and celery work great!



Art Activity: Construction Paper Pizza



Materials: Bag of construction paper pizza items, round brown paper, pizza box, glue

Directions: Build your own construction paper pizzas! Use glue to attach the paper shapes to the round brown paper. When you're done, place the pizza in the pizza box. Have fun playing with your own pizza!

Extensions: Use felt to create a pretend pizza! Brown felt for the crust, red for the sauce, yellow for the cheese, green for the peppers, gray for mushrooms, etc. This project takes a little while to complete, but your toddler will LOVE playing with it over and over again!

Fine Motor and Math: Pizza Counting Game

Materials: 2 paper plates, dot stickers, scissors, marker

Directions: Cut a paper plate into triangle slices. Let your little one add dot stickers for the toppings. (To help make sticker removal easier, pre-peel off the surrounding paper so only the dots are left. This will allow your toddler to pick off the stickers themselves.)



Adaptations: For older kids, draw slice shapes on the second plate. Write down the numbers that match the number of dot stickers, and have your child match the number with the stickers.

Fine Motor: Pizza Dough Play

Materials: Premade pizza dough, flour, kid scissors, spatula, rolling pin, kid-friendly knife

Directions: It's pizza time! Sprinkle some flour onto a surface and let your child have fun exploring real pizza dough. Roll it, cut it, flip or stretch it!





Gross Motor: Delivery Time!

Materials: Masking or painter's tape, cars or trucks, blocks, etc

Directions: Clear out a space on the floor and use tape to create your very own road system! Have your toddlers help you decide which way the roads should go. Pretend that your pizza is ready for delivery and have them drive it to the house for delivery. Try not to crash!



Gross Motor: Shape Hop

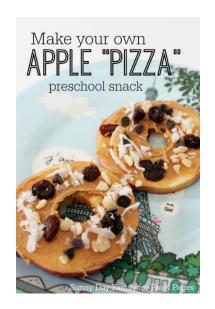
Materials: Different colored construction paper, masking/painter's tape

Directions: Cut large shapes out of the construction paper. Tape the shapes onto the floor. Shout out a shape (or color) and haver your little one hop on that shape. Have fun hopping the extra energy out!

Imaginative Play: Apple Pizza Time!

Materials: Apples, raisins, coconut, chocolate chips, peanut butter (or some other spreadable sticky ingredient)

Directions: Pizza isn't just for dinner! Let your toddler help you make these delicious (and healthy!) apple pizzas. Slice up an apple into large slices. Spread with a nut butter and allow your little one to add the toppings. Toddlers LOVE to help in the kitchen.



Imaginative Play: May I Take Your Order?



Materials: Play menu, kids cups and plates, play food, aprons, dish towels, bowls, serving spoons, etc.

Directions: Create your very own pizza parlor! Use items you already have to stage a pizza restaurant. Encourage your toddler to take your order and make the meal for you. Shredded up green paper makes a wonderful pretend salad!

Adaptations: Let your child help you assemble real pizzas! Purchase small Boboli crusts (Costco often has them), and your choice of toppings. Place each topping in a bowl and let your toddler make their own personal pizza. The more involved little ones are with the preparation of their food, the more likely they will be to actually eat it



Sensory Bin: Rainbow Noodles

Materials: Spaghetti noodles, food coloring, plastic bags, large tub, kitchen utensils (measuring cups, spoons, kid scissors)

Directions: Cook a large batch of spaghetti noodles. After they are cooked and cooled, separate the noodles into plastic bags. Add a different food coloring color to each bag and shake around until the noodles have changed color. Place the noodles in a large tub and let your little one have fun exploring this colorful sensory item!

Sensory Bin: Rolling Pin Fun!

Materials: rolling pin, Ziplock bags, variety of dried foods (crackers, noodles, cereal, etc)

Directions: Place food items into different bags and seal shut. Let your toddler use a rolling pin to crush up the different items. Help them to expand their vocabulary by using lots of descriptive words: crunchy, crumbly, soft, hard, loud, quiet, smelly, sweet, salty, etc.



Songs and Finger Plays:

Knife, Fork, Spoon, Spatula

On Top Of Spaghetti

Pizza Dough Boogie

Pizza Party

Pizza Song with Rhythm Sticks

Silly Pizza Song

Read Alouds:

"Crazy Pizza Day" by Bonnie Dobkin

"Pizza at Sally's" by Monica Wellington

"Pizza Day" by Melissa Iwai

"Pete the Cat and the Perfect Pizza Party" by Kimberly and James Dean

"The Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza)" by Philemon Sturges

"Curious George and the Pizza Party" by Margret and H.A. Rey



Sauce

Cheese

Topping Choices:

Pizza Crust

