

SAND AND WATER AREA

When a child works in the Sand and Water Area, he/she:

- ↳ finds it soothing to bury his/her hands in sand or pour water in and out of cups.
- ↳ is able to relax with this media and center attention on a task.
- ↳ has an opportunity to play alone and not have to compete with other children as with some activities. This is especially important to a child who has trouble getting alone with friends.
- ↳ has a great opportunity to learn about size and measurement by experimenting with measuring spoons, cups and different size containers.
- ↳ learns which kinds of things float in water.
- ↳ is not concerned with a final product, so he/she does not find it frustrating.
- ↳ explores actively the attributes and functions of materials with all of the senses.
- ↳ transforms and combines materials.

You can help as a volunteer by:

- ↳ making sure children have washed their hands before and after playing at the table.
- ↳ helping children put on smocks.
- ↳ encouraging children to experiment with measurement.
- ↳ helping increase vocabulary by using words like "full", "empty", "wet", and "dry".
- ↳ encouraging sharing the materials.

