

Chalk Play Ideas from



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SHARKS AND BEACHES

Played just like the Floor is Lava! Avoid the sharks by leaping from one beach to another.

What you need:

Chalk
Sidewalk or concrete slab

1. Define the maze area.
2. Define the end of the maze.
3. Determine the location of beaches and sharks and draw the maze to a designated finish line.

Tips/Challenges:

- Place beaches close together for shorter legs.
- Time your child getting to the finish line.
- Sink a few beaches to challenge your child.
- Instead of leaping from one beach to the next have kids hop on one foot to make it through the game.



Chalk Play Benefits



Playing with sidewalk chalk can help children work on fine motor skills, encourage self-expression and develop recognition, sorting and matching skills to prepare them for school. Chalk activities and games also foster interpersonal social skills.



CAVE PAINTINGS

Rainy day? No worries, take the fun inside!

What you need:

Chalk or charcoal
Brown paper bag
Scissors

1. Review images of cave paintings with your child.
2. Cut a square out of the brown paper bag.
3. Crumble the paper to give it texture.
4. Draw images of cave paintings on the paper.

CHALK SHADOWS

What better way to explain the earth's orbit than with shadows?

What you need:

Clock/Timer
Chalk

1. Set an alarm for 9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm, and 5pm.
2. When the alarm sounds, go outside, strike a funny pose and trace the outline of your child's shadow.
3. Ask your child how the shadow has changed from 9am to 11am and so forth.
4. Draw accessories and faces on your shadow.



Positive Chalk DC's mission is to create brave spaces for children and families to imagine their communities in new ways, inspire positive change and develop the language necessary to advocate for themselves and their communities.