

Water Tools

Materials:

- Water
- Bin (sensory bin, small pool, plastic bin)
- Various tools that can be used in water (i.e turkey baster, pipettes, syringes, paint brushes, measuring cups, measuring spoons)

Water play is always a big hit in any early childhood classroom. It is an especially great option for outdoors on the playground at the beginning of the year. One way to extend that play is by adding new and novel materials.

When using measuring cups and various containers, children are exploring volume. They will pour water from container to container and observe how the shape of the container impacts how the volume is distributed. Explore suction with items like the turkey baster and syringe.

Look and Listen for Learning

- Cause and Effect
- Curiosity
- Material Properties
- Use of Tools

Teaching Tips

- Engage family involvement by asking if anyone has kitchen items they could donate that can be used with water.

Questions to pose:

- Why do you think that tool is able to suck up the water?
- What happens when you pour the water from one container to the other?
- How can you measure liquid?