



Stark County Board of DD Early Intervention Newsletter

August 2021

Playgroup

TOO MUCH GLUE is the theme this month. Join us on Tuesdays @ 10AM all month for fun gluing activities!

August 3rd

Colored Glue Art at the Park
Too Much Glue

Join us at the park to make colored glue art this week. While it dries we can play on the playground together. Directions for making colored glue is on the next page.

**IN PERSON @ Price Park
OR VIRTUAL**



August 10th

Glue Sun Catchers & Storytime
Too Much Glue

Our story is about a little boy that loves to use too much glue. Join us to hear what kind of glue mischief Matty gets into. We will practice using too much glue to make a beautiful glue suncatcher you can hang in your window.



August 17th

Glue and Salt Art at the Park & Waterplay

This week we will practice making lines of glue then sprinkle colored salt or sand onto the glue. When it dries it will make another beautiful piece of art-work. When you are done with your art we can play on the playground and cool off at the splash pad while it dries.

Parents be sure to bring extra clothes.

IN PERSON @ Aljancic Park OR VIRTUAL



August 24th

Kids in the Kitchen
Glue Drops

We are not really eating glue drops! Instead we will use yogurt or icing to make our glue drop snack. They will need to be frozen so parents may want to make a few ahead of time and put them in the freezer so they are ready to exchange for the ones your child makes. They can be eaten without freezing them but are messier.



August 31st

Slime Time Sensory Play

Slime is so much fun too play with! Join us to make 3 ingredient slime. We will show you how to make a traditional glue slime and an edible cornstarch slime then share some activities to try.

Check out page 3 of the newsletter about slime.



IN-PERSON PLAYGROUPS

**WE ARE HAVING SO MUCH
FUN PLAYING TOGETHER!**

This month we will be at...

August 3rd
Price Park

1000 W Maple Street
North Canton

August 17th

Aljancic Park & Splash Pad
711 E Broad St
Louisville



Just sharing this resource.

Please use the contact information below for any questions.

Free Family Sign Classes

Greenleaf Family Center's Community Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing presents 8 classes that will take place on Zoom every Tuesday starting August 17th and concluding October 5th. If you can't make it, no worries! We can send pre-recordings of each session to your e-mail. Classes are designed to enhance non-verbal communication for families with young children.

Registration Deadline is August 12, 2021

Start Date: August 17, 2021-End Date: October 5, 2021

Live Class Time: 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Sponsored by: Advocates for Kids

Register at: <https://forms.office.com/r/tatTqmTe9s>

For more information, please email Mark Byrd

at: bmark@greenleafctr.org

August Family Fun...Too Much Glue!

Making Colored Glue

You will need school glue (Elmer's works great but any brand will work), food coloring, a couple empty glue bottles (or empty squeeze bottles like picnic ketchup bottles), and a splash of water. Squeeze about 1 1/2 inches of glue into an empty or almost-empty glue bottle, add 10 drops of food coloring and a little water to each bottle, close tightly, and shake well. You just want enough water to make it easy to mix and squeeze but not too runny. You can also buy glue that is already colored instead.

Exploring Vibrant Glue

The purpose of this activity is to be creative and practice using glue. Let your child explore using glue and expect some impulsiveness and mess. You will need colored glue and card stock, construction paper or waxed paper. Here are some things to try:



- Show your child how to twist the glue top to get different amounts of glue to come out.
- Allow your child to experiment with twisting the top and squeezing the glue bottle. For them, this might end up being a big, delightful puddle of glue.
- Have your child try making squiggles, lines, and swirls by showing them how to move the bottle of glue over the paper while squeezing it. This could take some time and practice to learn with more puddles than squiggles and swirls.
- Draw dots and have your child try to make glue drops. This is a great way to visually represent what a dot looks like or how big or small it should be, rather than saying to use a dot since your idea of a dot and theirs will not be the same.
- Make glue drip art by hanging their colored glue puddles (I suggest hanging it outdoors or over another piece of paper) to drip dry. Your child will love watching the colored glue drip down the paper.
- Be sure to admire, photograph, and talk about their creations using words such as sticky, gooey, ooze, swirl, colorful, wet, puddle, etc. to describe their work and build vocabulary skills.

Tie-Dye Glue Suncatcher

You will need:
A bottle of white glue
Food Coloring
Toothpicks
Plastic lid (cookie cutter optional)
Hole Punch
String



Instructions

- * Squeeze a substantial amount of glue into your plastic lid or cookie cutter and use your finger to spread the glue around to cover the entire inner surface. (Recycled lids from tubs of yogurt, sour cream etc. work great!)
- * Put one or two drops of each color of food coloring on the glue.
- * Give your child a toothpick to swirl the colors around in the glue. Don't swirl it too much; the color will continue to expand and create a tie-dyed effect as it dries.
- * Depending on how much glue you used, the suncatcher will take several days to fully dry. When fully dry, peel the suncatcher off the lid, punch a hole through the top, add a string, and hang it in a sunny spot.

Gluing helps with developing fine motor skills! When toddlers are using glue, whether it is from a bottle or a glue stick, they are building strength in their little hands and fingers and learning how to:

- ◇ Grip the glue container
- ◇ Squeeze or press it to get enough glue
- ◇ Release their grip to stop the glue flow

For a tactile glue experience:

- * Allow your child to play in the glue with their hands peeling the glue off as it dries.
- * Use "glue-able" craft supplies like cotton balls, yarn, pom poms, etc. that will stick to their fingers and paper.
- * Make glue designs on waxed paper or plastic lids and peel them off once it has dried.
- * Add texture to the glue by sprinkling salt, sand or something similar onto the glue (this could be plain or colored).



"Slime Time" FUN! With Too Much Glue!

How could we not include slime with our theme this month --"Too Much Glue!" If you search the internet you will find hundreds of slime recipes and YouTube videos on how to make it. Some call for starch, borax or even contact solution to activate the glue and create slime. My son makes slime on a regular basis and he uses some strange things to make it like shaving cream, toilet paper, foam beads, glitter, gum, orbees, food items, paint, corn starch, frosting, baking soda, lotion, playdoh, shampoo, and the list goes on and on...Once mixed, you can play with the slime immediately or store for future play.

Below you will find a few simple 3 ingredient slime recipes for you to try. Also included are a few ideas to try that will add fun to your child's slime play. If your child still puts everything in their mouth, you may want try one of the edible recipes instead. Edible, meaning it is safe to taste/eat, not to have for a snack; just a fun, safe alternative to regular slime.

A few tips...You can purchase most of the items needed at your local dollar store making slime an inexpensive activity to do. Using plastic placemats, tablecloths, or flexible cutting boards helps make clean-up easier.

3 Ingredient Traditional Glue Slime



1 Bottle of glue (6 oz.)
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1 1/2 teaspoons saline solution (contact solution) with *Boric Acid* or *Sodium Borate* in the ingredients
Spoon or spatula & a mixing bowl

Empty the bottle of glue into a mixing bowl, you can use regular white glue, clear glue, or glitter glue. Stir in the baking soda mixing it well. Add the contact solution and mix until slime forms. It comes together immediately and takes a few minutes to fully form. You will need to knead the slime with your hands to get it to a consistency you're happy

In our edible recipes cornstarch is the activator. If your slime is too runny, simply add more cornstarch. If it's too thick, add a little bit more water. You can't really mess up these recipes.

Jello Slime

1/2 cup Corn starch
1/2 of a large package of sugar-free Jello
Water



Start by adding cornstarch and sugar-free Jello to a medium mixing bowl. Mix them together then add 2 tablespoons of water to the dry ingredients. You can use any flavor of Jello and it will change colors when you add water to it. Stir it until a paste begins to form. Continue to add water little by little until it clumps together instead of sticking to the bottom/sides of bowl

*This recipe works with both regular Jello or Sugar-free Jello mix! The sugar-free Jello makes a slime that is less sticky and easier to clean up though.

Pudding Slime

1/4 cup instant pudding mix
1 cup corn starch
1/3 cup warm water



Mix together instant pudding mix and half of your cornstarch in a mixing bowl. Mix in 1/3 cup water and stir until slime begins to form, it will be sticky at this point. Slowly add the rest of the cornstarch continuing to stir the mixture as you go. When it becomes hard to stir with a spoon, finish kneading it by hand.

Frosting Slime

1 part canned frosting
3 parts cornstarch
1 Tablespoon water
optional: add sprinkles



Stir together 1 teaspoon cornstarch and 1 Tablespoon water in a medium mixing bowl until the cornstarch is full dissolved. Add the frosting to the bowl and stir to combine. Add the rest of your cornstarch a little at a time until it forms a batter then knead it by hand. You can make as much or as little as you want just keep the 3:1 ratio of frosting to cornstarch. This slime smells just like cake!

Ideas for play:

- * Hide small figures or cars in the slime and ask your child to find them.
- * Who can stretch their slime the farthest?
- * Let it ooze through your fingers.
- * Practice cutting it with scissors, a butter knife or pizza cutter.
- * Make imprints in it.
- * Make polka-dot slime by folding 10 to 15 soft pom-poms into it.
- * Add a scent to it for added sensory input.
- * Make a slime discovery bag.
- * Search the internet for more ideas to try.

Frozen Yogurt Drops Snack

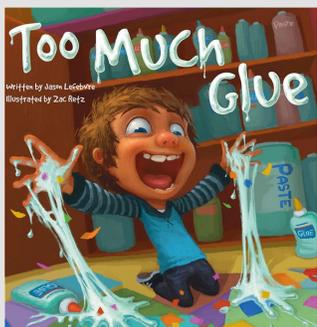
Making homemade frozen yogurt drops is super easy and quick to do. They are great for snacking on and only one ingredient is needed to make this yummy, refreshing snack. For a quick, easy, and healthy snack use yogurt but feel free to substitute pudding or icing in place of the yogurt for an extra sweet treat!

To make these you will want to have a baking pan and parchment or wax paper. You will also need a Ziplock bag with yogurt in it and the corner snipped or an icing gun to squeeze out the yogurt, pudding or icing dots. Help your child squeeze out dots (not a lot, just like using glue)

onto the non-stick paper. When they are done making dots with the yogurt, pudding or icing place the pan into the freezer for at least 30 minutes (maybe longer) until they are completely frozen. Remove the pan from the freezer and enjoy. Remove and store any uneaten drops in a Ziplock bag or container in the freezer to eat and enjoy later.

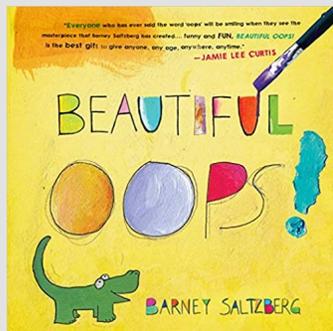


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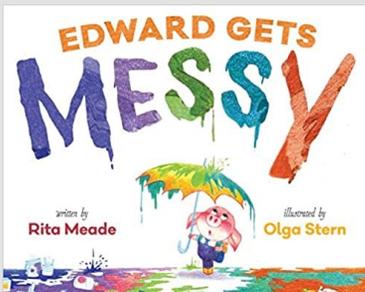


Matty loves glue. One day during art class, Matty finds the fullest bottles of glue, and the fun begins. With a squeeze and a plop, Matty pours a lake of glue before belly-flopping right in the middle and finds himself stuck to the desk. When Matty's dad arrives at the school, instead of being mad, he celebrates his son's creativity and calls him a work of art.

It's OK to make a mistake. In fact, hooray for mistakes! A mistake is an adventure in creativity, a portal of discovery. A spill doesn't ruin a drawing—not when it becomes the shape of a goofy animal. And an accidental tear in your paper? Don't be upset about it when you can turn it into the roaring mouth of an alligator.



A very particular little pig discovers the joys that come with getting messy. Edward the pig never pets friendly dogs on the street. He never, ever eats food that spills or splatters. And he never, ever, EVER uses markers or glue sticks or paint. They are just too messy.



But what happens when—GLOOP!—a big tub of paint falls on Edward's perfectly neat little head? Well, it might just turn out that getting messy has its upsides, too. After all, even particular pigs can clean up afterward.

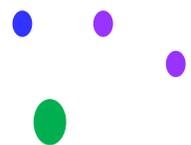
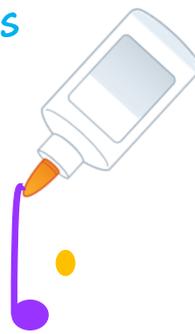
Songs and Fingerplays

I can glue

To the tune of: Oh My Darling Clementine

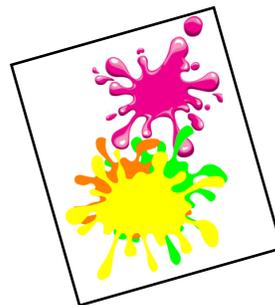
I can glue,
I can glue,
Just a dot of glue will do.

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Just a dot of glue will do.



A Dot Will Do

A dot! A dot!
A dot will do!
Any more than that
Is too much glue!



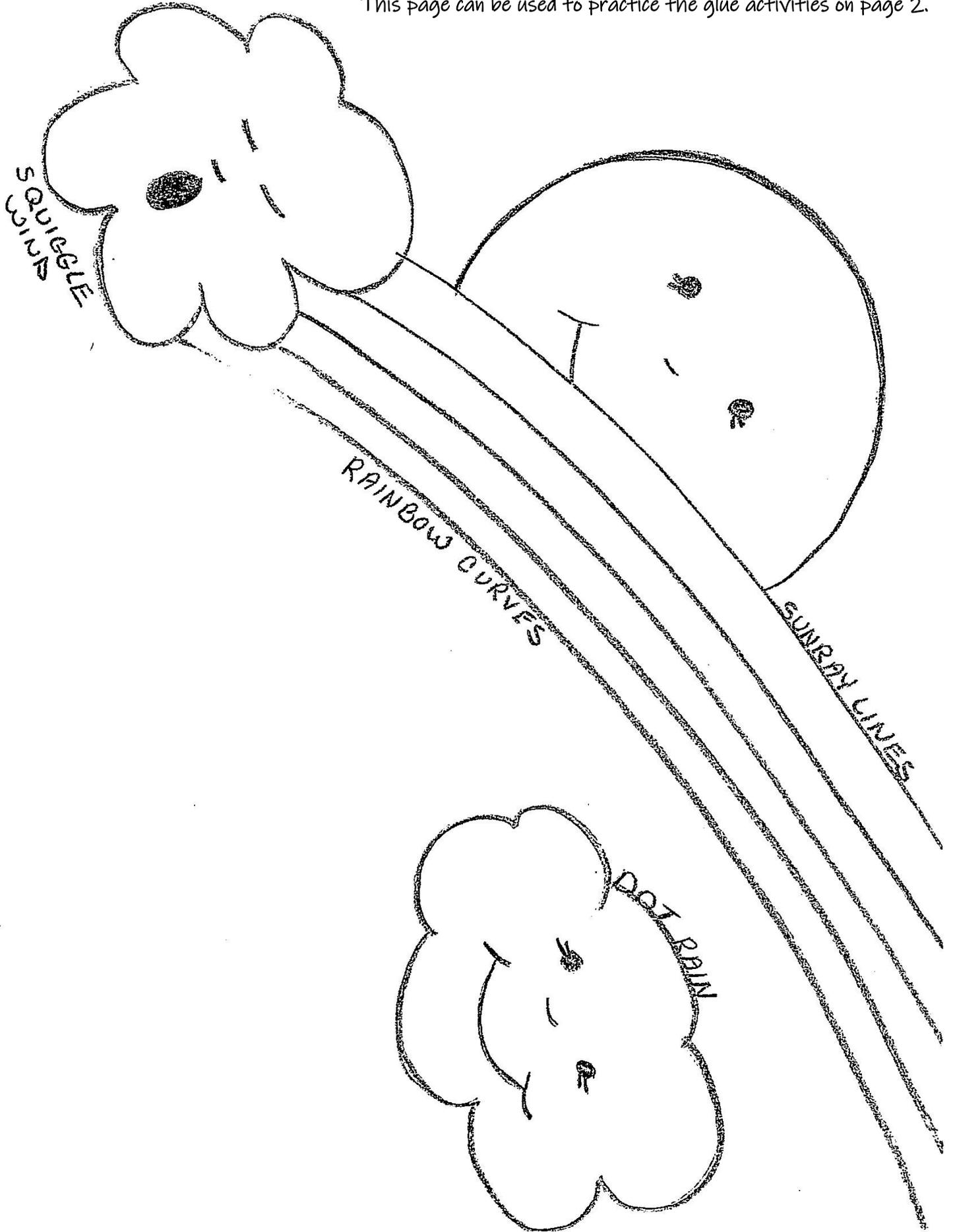
My Glue

Dots, not lots and
when I'm through...
I close the top on
my bottle of glue.
Twist, twist, twist.
Wipe, wipe, wipe.
My bottle of glue
is clean and tight!



Try out these catchy rhymes as you are exploring glue with your toddler to help them learn how to use glue.

This page can be used to practice the glue activities on page 2.



Agency Policy

If the heat index is 86 or above we do not let the kids go outside.

We will check the heat index when outdoor playgroups are planned and notify families through Remind and email if we need to cancel our outdoor playgroups by no later than 9AM.
 You can still join in play with us that day virtually for playgroup if you choose.

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Heat Index



Extreme Danger	Heat stroke likely.
Danger	Sunstroke, muscle cramps, and/or heat exhaustion likely. Heatstroke possible with prolonged exposure and/or physical activity.
Extreme Caution	Sunstroke, muscle cramps, and/or heat exhaustion possible with prolonged exposure and/or physical activity.
Caution	Fatigue possible with prolonged exposure and/or physical activity.