

Theme: Sand Play

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Good morning!

Today's email is put together by Ms. Maxine (from Champlain Annex).

Did you know that August 11th is Play in the Sand Day? Sand play offers endless opportunities for fun and learning. Here are some other **benefits of sand play**:

- promotes fine motor skills (e.g., scooping with a spoon)
- hand-eye coordination (e.g., pouring from spoon to bowl)
- promotes creativity, imagination and storytelling (e.g., making sand cakes or building dinosaur homes)
- sensory development (e.g., sense of touch)
- language development (e.g., the discussion that happens when playing with sand).



To make your own portable sandbox, you will need a large, shallow bin and some sand. Include a variety of props like funnels, cardboard tubes, sifts, plastic bottles, measuring cups or spoons. You can even include natural materials like sticks, rocks and leaves. If you want, small toys like dinosaurs or animals can create a more thematic play experience. Here are some thematic sand play ideas:

Indoor Beach



Cars and Construction



Household Materials



When sand play is all done and it's time for a rest, join Ms. Maxine for a short circle time where she reads the book, "Perfect Square" by Michael Hall - https://youtu.be/iAiLM_tce8w.

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