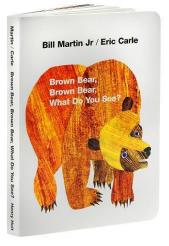
Materials listed in purple will be provided at February 25th Art Pickup

Art Activity: Brown Bear Book

Materials: Materials for "Brown Bear" book, glue, stapler, masking tape



Directions: Make your very own "Brown Bear" book! Glue a colored bear onto each matching page, and a "mirror" onto the last page. Use a stapler to attach the pages along the spine and add masking tape to protect little hands from pokey staples. Enjoy reading your book over and over!

Extensions: Read to your favorite stuffed animal. Find items around the house that match the colors in the book.

Art Activity and Fine Motor: Teddy Bear Crown

Materials: Paper crown, stickers, markers or crayons, tape

Directions: Make a special crown for your special friend! Use the stickers and markers/crayons to decorate the crown. Size the crown to your toddler's head, or to the size of a special stuffed friend. Have fun pretending to be the king or queen of the house!



Fine Motor and Imaginative Play: Boo Boo Clinic

Materials: stuffed animals, miscellaneous first aid items (band aids, ice packs, wraps, tongue depressors, thermometer, etc.), small blankets



Directions: Oh no! Your teddy bear isn't feeling well! Give him a checkup to help him feel better. Create a hospital bed using blankets or pillows. Let your little one peel the band aids themselves and place them on their stuffed animal (younger ones may need help opening the wrapping). Let your imagination run wild! Helpful tip... the Dollar Tree sells large boxes of band aids for cheap!

Imaginative Play: Teddy Bear Hide and Seek

Materials: stuffed animals

Directions: Where did Teddy go? Play hide and seek with your favorite friends. Take turns hiding them under pillows, in drawers, or wherever you would like. If your little one is having a hard time finding items, try giving them clues such as "it is under a pillow" or "it is inside the cabinet." This is a wonderful way to practice relational phrases.

Adaptations: For older toddlers, play the "Hot and Cold" game. When they get closer to where you hid their stuffed animal say, "you're getting hotter!" As they move away from it say, "you're getting colder!"



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Gross Motor: The Bear Went Over the Mountain

Materials: Bear footprints, large sheets, chairs, large boxes, pillows, stuffed animals, etc.



Directions: Create your very own bear adventure in your home. Use sheets and chairs to make a tunnel. Place pillows in piles to create mountains. Add a large box for a cave. Be creative! Use the bear footprints to show the path the bear took to get over the mountain. Don't forget to sing the song (<u>The Bear</u> <u>Went Over the Mountain</u>) as you go on your adventure!

Adaptations: Give your child a basket and have them collect the bear prints as you go on your adventure. Try hiding stuffed animals along the path and see if your toddler can find them.

Gross Motor: Brown Bear Roll and Move

Materials: Brown Bear Dice printable, tape

Directions: Cut the dice printable and fold along the edges to make a dice shape. Use tape to secure. Clear a large space and roll the dice. Have your toddler make the movements of the animal you roll. Will they gallop like a blue horse? Hope like a green frog? This is a great way to get the wiggles



out, and work on developing those gross motor skills.

Imaginative Play: This One is Just Right!

Materials: Three different sized chairs, three different sized bowls, <u>"Goldilocks and the</u> <u>Three Bears" retold by Sarah Delmage</u> story

Directions: Read "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" (or watch the video) and act out the story. Set up three different sized chairs and have your toddler pick the "just right"

one. Repeat with different sized bowls. For different sized beds, you can show them your bed, their bed, and make a very small bed out of pillows or blankets. Have fun pretending to be Goldilocks!

Adaptations: For some extra fun, use teddy bears to pretend to be the bear family, or have another family member pretend to be the bears. Pretend to discover your toddler in the bear's home and chase them away. Just for fun of course!



Imaginative Play: Teddy Bear Picnic

Materials: picnic blanket, plates and cups, real or pretend food, stuffed animals

Directions: Have an indoor teddy bear picnic! Clear a space on the floor and lay out a picnic blanket. Use items to create your very own picnic. Don't forget to add your teddy bear friends!



Sensory Bin: Hibernation Sensory Bin

Materials: large shallow container, green lentils, rocks, pinecones, toilet paper tubes, small teddy bear or figurine

Directions: Fill a shallow container with the items listed above. Have your toddler hide the bear in it's cave to let them hibernate.



Sensory Bin: Bear Hunt Sensory Bags



Materials: 5 (or more) gallon sized Ziplock bags, masking tape, sensory items (grass, water, mud, leaves or small twigs, powdered sugar)

Directions: Create sensory bags for each of the places the children visit on their Bear Hunt (<u>"We're Going on a</u> <u>Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen</u>). For the wet items, double bag them to prevent leaking. Use masking tape to seal the tops of the bags. For extra fun, hand the bags on a window and let the sunshine throw.

Songs and Finger Plays:

Put Your Teddy Bear on Your Head Going on a Bear Hunt Teddy Bear Turnaround The Bear Went Over the Mountain Stompy the Bear Teddy Bear Picnic

Read Alouds:

- "Bear Snores On" by Karen Wilson
- "Bear Wants More" by Karen Wilson
- "Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See" by Bill Martin Jr
- "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" retold by Sarah Delmage
- "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen
- "Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear" by Bill Martin Jr

