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Play dough learning trays are a great way to experiment with texture and allow children the opportunity to discover on their own. Here is a great way to set up a learning tray with play dough, rocks, and leaves!

You will need:

- play dough
- rocks
- · leaves
- plastic tray or cookie sheet
- optional: toothpicks, rolling pin, acorns, sticks

Suggested Activities:

- 1. Set materials out on your tray and allow a few minutes for your child to explore what is there.
- 2. Show your child how to roll the play dough flat.
- 3. Press leaves, vein side down, into the play dough. Once the leaf is removed, a print will remain.
- 4. Experiment with different leaves and discuss the difference in their prints.
- 5. Make patterns with rocks and challenge your child to replicate or make their own.
- 6. Create a design or structure by pressing items into the play dough.

Experiment, discover, and have fun!

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At Lowcountry Children's Co-op, we believe that the quality and success of any childcare program is dependent upon the communication between parents and educators. Working closely with parents helps our staff to provide the best individual care for your children. We are very excited to announce our new parent communication tool, Tadpoles. Tadpoles enables our staff to document your child's achievements as well as provide you with a detailed daily report. All of this information will be shared with you via email or a free app on your smartphone. After creating a login and password, you will be able to safely and securely access photos and videos of your child as they learn and grow under our care. Please visit their website to learn more: www.tadpoles.com.

We would like to give a special thank you to Gerald's Tires in West Ashley for their donation of tires for our outdoor play space. We are so grateful for the support from a local business.