

SMELL AND GO SEEK

PURPOSE: The children will use their sense of smell to find hidden scented cotton balls.

MATERIALS:

Think about Smelling by Henry Pluckrose

6 cotton balls

6 different scents (lemon, extract, cinnamon, vanilla, banana, perfume, orange, peppermint, garlic, onion, almond, anise, etc.)

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Place two or more drops of one scent on a cotton ball.
2. Select one family member to place the cotton ball in an open area in a room of the house.
3. Have each family member/friend cover their eyes until the cotton ball is placed in a room of the house.
4. Use your sense of smell to play “Smell and Go Seek” while looking for the room which has the scented cotton ball.
5. Have the member of the family that found the cotton ball place two or more drops of a different scent on another cotton ball and place it in an open area in a different room.
6. Play “Smell and Go Seek”.
7. Continue this procedure for the remaining cotton balls.
8. Discuss which scents were the hardest and easiest to locate.
9. Discuss which scents smelled good? Which scents did not smell good?

HOW IT WORKS: The sense of smell is one of the five senses. Our sense of smell helps us learn many things about our surroundings. There are many pleasant smells and many unpleasant smells.

WRITING PROMPT

When we smell food cooking, it sometimes makes us hungry.

Think about the smell of food cooking on the stove. Think about how it smells and how it makes you feel.

Now tell a member of your family/friend what food you are smelling and how it makes you feel. Have a member of your family help you write about what you smell and how you feel.



Parent Signature: _____

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Date: _____

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Hypothesis (What do you think will happen?)

Date/Observation:

Conclusion: (What you learned or discovered):

*(*You may continue your observation on another sheet. You may want to create a graph to record your data.)*

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Writing Prompt (minimum 3 sentences)
