

Rain or Shine Activities

Penny Polishing

lemon juice
old, dull pennies
paper towels
small paper cups or an old 6 part
cupcake tin



Fill each cup or each part of the muffin tin with some lemon juice, enough that will cover a penny. Drop the pennies into the lemon juice. Wait 5 minutes, and take the penny out of the lemon juice and wipe it with the paper towel. You should have a bright shiny penny.



Why do pennies look dull and lose their shine?

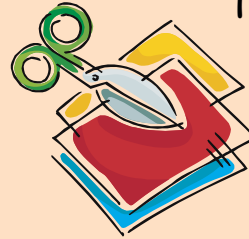
The copper mixes with the oxygen in the air and makes a coating called oxide. When the penny is put into the lemon juice, the acid in the lemon chemically removes the oxide, and the result is a bright shiny penny, almost like new!

Other Fun Indoor Activities

Have a picnic inside on the floor. Have the children help you plan the menu. Maybe make a party out of it and have each child invite a friend. Tell stories, by someone starting it, and then everyone adding a line. Let everyone's imagination take the story to different places

Draw picture, take turns adding the details, and tell a story along with it.

Making a Collage



old magazines
safety scissors for kids
glue stick
construction paper
crayons or markers

Give each child a magazine and have them go through it and find their favorite things (favorite animals, food, flowers, toys, etc.) They can decorate their collage with the crayons and markers. Then have the children explain what their collage is about and why they cut out the items that they did.

Musical Statue

Have the children dance around to a favorite CD. Ideally one that is fun and upbeat. When the music stop the children must hold the exact position that they were in. Anyone seen moving is out and the game continues until the last child remains. Have the children take turns running the music and you dance with them.

