LANDFORMS: Shapes in Your World!

Little Learners’ Landform Lesson

With Miss Lisa!

Don’t forget your Big Learner: this is fun for them too!

If you can, watch the video linked HERE or on the Little Learner’s page on our website... It’s funny and informative!

First you need to gather your materials!

You will need:

One set of Landform Identification Cards; printed and cut into two decks of cards (if you have cardstock they will last longer but this isn’t necessary). If you can’t print them out you can still do the activity by bringing them up on the screen and selecting them one at a time.

One Container or Lid (with lip) for each Learner. This can be a clear container or lid that you can see color through or a blue container or lid. If you choose something clear you will also need a blue piece of paper, cloth or foam sheet (if you don’t have anything blue, a piece of paper and a blue crayon works too!).

Salt Dough (recipe on next page), dirt or sand. Choose what medium you would like to use. Make the salt dough according to the recipe (I added coffee grounds to mine to make it look like dirt). If you don’t have all the ingredients for salt dough, you can just get some dirt or sand and add a little water. Not too much so it’s still moldable!
Salt Dough Recipe
(You can do half this recipe if you don’t have multiple learners.)

Ingredients: 6 Cups flour
2 Cups salt
4 Tablespoons oil
2 Cups water
Coffee grounds (optional)

Combine all ingredients to form the dough. Add water if it’s too dry or flour if it’s too wet, a Tablespoon at a time until you have the right dough consistency.

Activity:

#1. Place blue paper under container if you are using a clear container. Then place enough dough, dirt or sand to cover bottom of container ½ - 1 inch deep.

#2. Separate the cards into two decks: one of diagrams and one of photos. Choose a landform card from the diagram deck (or screen) and form your dough so that the blue shows through as the water or sky in the diagram. Start with the diagrams first to get used to the shapes then graduate to the photos for an extra challenge.

#3. Can you think of additional landforms to try? Can you do more than one at a time in your container?

If your container has a lid, place it on the container to save your “land” for more fun later or seal it in a Ziploc bag.

There are two of each card so that you can use them to play a memory matching game. Mix them up and turn them upside down in a grid and take turns finding matches. Use the two decks separately or together for more of a challenge.

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