

Theme of the Day:
Alligator



Day 1: Art Center

What to Do:

Relate the activity to the story. Students will examine the toy alligator. Discuss what the alligator looks like. Let the children touch the alligator's skin. Allow the students to touch the item you decided to use as the alligator's skin. Compare and discuss the difference.

Give each student a brown paper bag. Ask students to place their hand inside the paper bag and snap the bottom open and closed like the alligator would snap at his food.

Glue items you have chosen to make the alligator's back bumpy. Students will glue items to paper bag to make the top of the alligator feel bumpy. Ask students to run their fingers over the top of the bag and discuss how the bag feels.

Paint the paper bag with a paintbrush and green paint. Allow the students to paint the entire bag including the textured back. The puppets will need to dry overnight.

Additional suggestion – Use a 20 ounce bottle to hang puppets to dry overnight.

MATERIALS

- ~~///~~ Small brown paper bag
- ~~///~~ Green paint
- ~~///~~ Paintbrushes
- ~~///~~ Egg cartons
- ~~///~~ Packing peanuts
- ~~///~~ Noodles or beans
- ~~///~~ glue