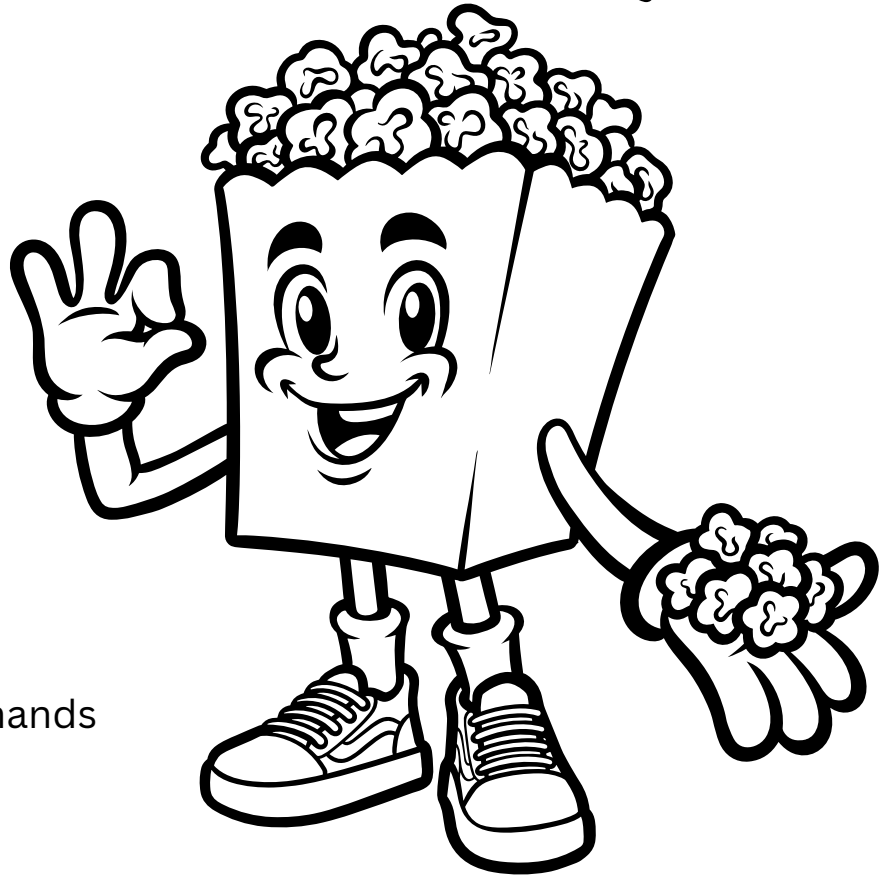


Popcorn Ball Activity

Materials

8 cups of plain popped popcorn
1 cup mini marshmallows
¼ cup butter
Optional: food coloring, sprinkles,
chocolate chips
Large mixing bowl
Saucepan
Wax paper or parchment
Cooking spray or butter for your hands



Instructions

Pop the popcorn and place it in a large bowl.

In a saucepan, melt the butter over low heat, then stir in the marshmallows.

Stir constantly until melted and smooth. (Add food coloring now if you want!)

Carefully pour the mixture over the popcorn. Stir with a spoon until everything is coated.

Let it cool slightly, then spray your hands with cooking spray or lightly butter them.

Form the popcorn into balls (any size you like!).

Add sprinkles or chocolate chips if you want to decorate!

Place the popcorn balls on wax paper to set.

The page is decorated with illustrations of popcorn buckets and popcorn. At the top, there are three buckets of popcorn. At the bottom, there are three more buckets, with one bucket in the center and two on the sides. The popcorn is yellow and fluffy. The buckets are red and white striped. The background is white with red diagonal stripes.

What We're Learning



Toddlers (1–3 years):

Sensory play: sticky, squishy, crunchy!

Following simple directions (with help)

Hand-eye coordination while shaping popcorn balls



Preschoolers (4–5 years):

Counting (e.g., scoops of popcorn, marshmallows)

Colors and shapes (especially with add-ins)

Basic safety in the kitchen with adult help



Older Kids (6–12 years):

Kitchen measurements & reading a simple recipe

Cause & effect: how heat melts marshmallows

Teamwork if working in a group — or independence if solo!