

# **Sunnymont Job Binder**

## **Curriculum Assistant: Playdough**

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Job Description  
Revised 7/2005

Term of Office: September to June

Weekend Maintenance: Yes

Reports To: Teachers

Materials: Folder with job description and recipes.

## **Function:**

Responsible for maintaining playdough as described.

## **Responsibilities:**

### **Playdough**

We need a large batch of playdough made once each week (and the first day back after holiday breaks.) The teachers may have requests for you regarding what colors or scents to make. When there is not a specific request, you are invited to be creative. In the playdough cupboard, there are two airtight containers for playdough that will hold one whole batch. When you bring in the new batch to replace the old, take the old playdough out and put it in a plastic bag. The teachers will use the old playdough for other projects. Ingredients for playdough are at school – the teachers will show you where. Flour and salt can be found in the sensory bins in the cupboard to the left of the outside sink, liquid watercolors in art cupboard # 6, and scents in the playdough cupboard.

Playdough recipe (Additional recipes are located in the playdough cupboard)

8 cups flour

4 cups salt

5 tablespoons + 1 teaspoon cream of tarter

1-cup oil

1 tablespoon (or more) of food coloring, liquid watercolor or cake icing coloring

8 cups boiling water.

Mix together dry ingredients in large bowl. Mix together liquids and add to dry ingredients, stirring continuously. It is important that the water be very close to boiling, in order to cook the playdough as it goes in. If the playdough does not appear cooked (slightly translucent and less gooey, microwave it in small batches or stir it over medium heat to finish the cooking process. Stir 'til smooth. Knead. Do not put in plastic container until cool (some people find it easier to halve the recipe and make two smaller batches).

**Playdough Tools:** Maintain tools, making sure they are clean and sorted.