

Napa Valley Nursery School



JOB: Playdough/Paint Parent

TEAM: Classroom Operations

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JOB DESCRIPTION:

The Playdough/Paint Parent is responsible for making school playdough, maintaining clean playdough toys and paint supplies, as well as an organized patio-easel shed. This position will be done by 1 or 2 families each year. If you share your duties with another family, please communicate with them effectively so that the job is completed on a predictable, regular basis.

JOB DUTIES:

- Make new school playdough every two weeks. Purchase supplies as needed.
- Maintain clean easel paint containers. (Wash lids/brush inserts at least every two weeks, wash entire container if needed, empty and/or refill if needed.)
- Maintain clean playdough toys.
- Maintain a clean, organized and fully-stocked storage shed by the patio easel.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Attend all Parent Meetings.
- Participate in one Housekeeping Saturday per year.
- Participate in End of Year Clean-up.
- Periodic out-of-pocket spending that is reimbursed by school check when receipts are submitted to the Treasurer.

General Information

Playdough

- Playdough will need to be made every two weeks (or more often if requested). Communicate with the Director to determine if she would prefer any particular

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colors, scents, sparkles, etc. Her requests may change in coordination with particular units of focus, seasons, holidays, etc.

- Each time you deliver new playdough to school, clean out playdough bin and playdough toys of old, dried-on playdough. Wash containers as needed.
- You will need to purchase the necessary ingredients as needed. The majority of the ingredients are available at any market, however, Cream of Tartar should be purchased on Amazon. (A 2lb bag can be purchased for less than \$17 and can be shipped in 2 days for free with a Prime Membership!)
- You will need to submit your out-of-pocket expense receipts monthly (or more often, if needed) and will receive a check the following week. Fill out a reimbursement form found in the Treasurer's cubby and attach your receipts. Leave in Treasurer's cubby in order for her to reimburse you. If paying for items out of pocket is a burden, you may request up to \$50 in petty cash from the Treasurer and will need to provide receipts to offset the spending.
- Before purchasing any new additions (scents, sparkles, etc.), check at school for what we have in stock. There are frequently items on hand.
- Liquid watercolor works well for coloring and creates bright playdough. We tend to use liquid food color in case it is ingested.

Playdough Recipe

Large batch:

(double recipe)

8 cups flour

2 cups salt

8 TBSP cream of tartar

8 cups water

8 TBSP cooking oil

Food color/liquid water color (if using large amount, subtract from water measure) Use the gel food color available at Shackford's.

Mix dry ingredients with wet ingredients until a smooth consistency. Electric hand mixer gives good results.

Cook this gooey recipe over medium heat, stirring constantly. At first it will be runny and may not seem like play dough, but will quickly change form and become very stiff! Continue cooking until VERY WELL stirred and cooked, both inside and out. Store in an airtight container (available at school).

Scented Play Dough:

Add 2-4 packages of unsweetened Kool-Aid to the above recipe.

This is fun playdough because the unsweetened Kool-Aid gives a wonderful smell corresponding to the color used; i.e. purple is grape, red is cherry etc. If using Kool-Aid you will still need to add additional color.

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Paint

- You will need to thoroughly clean all paint cups and lids, every two weeks. Empty cups, wash cup and lid removing all old paint, and refill with fresh paint to the refill line. Check with the Director to find out what color to refill with.
- Wash easel paint trays every two weeks and return to easel.

Art Storage Shed

Make sure the art supply shed behind the patio easel is clean and well stocked.