**ACTIVITY: SUPER SURPRISE SENSORY BOX**

**SENSORY BOX INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Cut a hole in one side of the box - it should be large enough for you to fit your forearm and hand into it.
2. Decorate the outside of the box with question marks, Pocoyo drawings, or something else.
3. Collect 3 objects, without letting your child see them. Find things that are different materials, sizes and shapes - sponges, cotton balls, rocks, spoons, stuffed animals, pinecones, crayons, etc.
4. Put the items in the box and explain to your child that they are going to use their sense of touch to try and figure out what each object is.
5. Have your child put their arm in the hole and explore with their hand. You can also suggest that they close their eyes to focus on their sense of touch.
6. Ask your child what they notice about each object: How does it feel? What size is it? What does it remind them of? (Of course, they can ask questions and you can give hints!)
7. After your child guesses what each object is, open the box to reveal the objects. TA-DA!
8. Talk with your child about their guesses and the different things they felt with their hands.
9. Switch! Remove what’s in the box, have your child grab 3 new objects and put them in the box because... it’s your turn to guess!
10. Switch again! Put new things in the box for some more sense-sational learning.

**LEARNING BENEFIT: USING YOUR SENSES LEADS TO SENSE-SATIONAL LEARNING!**

Pocoyo, like all preschoolers, loves to explore new things by using his five senses! When kids use their senses and participate in “hands-on” activities they learn more! In fact, by touching and feeling different objects and textures, kids:

- build their fine motor skills
- develop problem solving and reasoning skills
- nurture their curiosity
- HAVE TONS AND TONS OF FUN!

**SENSORY BOX MATERIALS**

- Box with a top that you no longer need - shoe box, hat box, big gift box
- Scissors
- Markers/Crayons
- Decorations (Optional): stickers, paper, tape, glue, pom-poms, pasta, glitter, etc
ACTIVITY: SUPER SURPRISE SENSORY BIN

SENSORY BIN INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Fill the container with the uncooked rice or dry beans.
2. Put the objects in the bin.
3. Have your child play and explore with them.
4. Encourage your child to use their sense of sight and touch to describe what they find. Ask them to describe what the object looks like, how it feels and how it compares to the other objects in the bin.

SENSORY BIN MATERIALS
- Empty Container or bin with no top
- Uncooked rice or dry beans
- Different objects to touch and feel like cotton balls, crayons, toys, spoons, pinecones, sponge, comb, etc.

The sensory BIN may be a good first sensory play experience for younger kids (ages 2-3).