Title: Sorting and Classifying Objects

Age Group: Toddler / Preschool

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Type of Activity: Cognitive – Sorting and Classifying

Materials:

- Coloured cards / Construction paper
- Markers
- Assorted buttons, pompoms and foam shapes (you also can use gemstones, string, stones, pebbles, bottle tops, shells, or other small tokens)
- Containers

How to Do it:

- Have the child(ren) place the coloured cards/construction paper, the containers filled with the assorted buttons, pompoms and foam shapes on a table.
- Have/help the child(ren) draw different patterns and shapes on the cards/paper with the markers.
- Let the child(ren) grasp and place the buttons, pompoms and foam shapes onto the cards/paper.
- Encourage the child(ren) sort and classify the materials that they use.

Root Skill / Extension:

- Cognitive 4.10 Classifying & 4.17 Understanding 2-dimensional shapes
- Emotional 2.5 Regulating attention / Language 3.3 Vocabulary

Extend the learning: Children can practice their scissor and gluing skills by cutting out the shapes and sticking objects on the lines.

Open questions: "Why did you choose ... (those materials)?" "Can you count how many (pom poms, buttons, etc.) you put on the paper?" "What are the shapes on the paper?"