

Objective 11

Demonstrates positive approaches to learning

d. Shows curiosity and motivation

Related Objectives: 6, 7a, 12a, 13, 24

What You Do

- 1. Cut a hole in the top of a shoebox that is large enough for a small hand to fit through. Fill the shoebox with different materials of various textures, e.g., silk scarf, wax paper, sandpaper, bean bags, ribbon, aluminum foil.**
- 2. Invite the child to go “fishing” for different materials in the box.**
- 3. When the child pulls out a piece, name the material and use self-talk to describe its color and texture. If appropriate, ask the child to name and describe the object.**

- **With young infants, pull out a material and encourage the child to explore it.**
- **Change the materials in the box to include a different selection of textures, colors, and dimensions.**
- **Ask questions about the materials, e.g., “How is the foil different from the ribbon?” “Which one is the biggest?” “How is the shape of the bean bag different from the shape of the sandpaper?”**