

Cloverbuds: Bubble-Mania

Things to Try at Home Bubble Bath: Soap Crayons

Materials:

- Book: *Bubble Bath Pirates* by Jarrett Krosoczka or *Strega Nona Takes a Vacation* by Tomie dePaola
- Ice cube tray
- Liquid food coloring for each color crayon
- 2 T hot water
- 1 cup soap flakes or powder (like Ivory Snow)

What to do:

- Read the book: *Bubble Bath Pirates* or *Strega Nona Takes a Vacation*.
- For each color, put two tablespoons of hot water and one cup of soap flakes into a bowl.
- Add as many drops of food coloring to the mix as you wish, for brighter colors you may need as many as 50 drops.
- Stir the soap mixture until it thickens. This takes time, so be patient.
- Press spoonfuls of the first color of soap into sections of the ice tray.
- Mix enough soap in other colors to fill the entire tray, repeating the first two steps.
- Let the soap crayons dry for one or two days. Gently bang the ice tray to loosen the crayons.

Talk about:

- Why you need to use soap to get clean.
- The differences between a bath and a shower. Which would you rather take and why?
- The different number in the soap crayon recipe. Before you add the food coloring or start stirring the soap mixture, guess how many drops of food coloring and number of complete stirs around the bowl you will need. Then count out loud the number of food coloring drops you use and the number of times you stir the soap mixture.