

## Dear Families,

Recently, I taught an alphabet lesson to your child during table time, using a new homemade play dough recipe. The main objective of the lesson was to help students practice identifying and recreating letters on letter mats, while demonstrating fine motor strength and coordination. The children loved the new play dough and have described it as “soft” and “squishy.” Below is a new recipe that will yield softer, more pliable play dough that can last up to 3 months.

### Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup salt
- 4 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 2 cups lukewarm water
- 2 Tablespoons of vegetable oil (coconut oil works too)
- Food coloring (optional)
- Quart sized bags

### Instructions

1. Stir together the flour, salt and cream of tartar in a large pot. Next add the water and oil. If you're only making one color, stir in the color now.
2. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly. Continue stirring until the dough has thickened and begins to form into a ball. Remove from heat and then place inside a bowl, gallon sized bag or onto wax paper.
3. Allow to cool slightly and then knead until smooth. If you're adding colors after, divide the dough into balls (for how many colors you want) and then add the dough into the quart sized bags. Start with about 5 drops of color and add more to brighten it. Knead the dough, while inside the bag so it doesn't stain your hands. Once it's all mixed together, you're ready to play.
4. Store the play dough inside the bags to keep soft. If stored properly it can keep soft for up to 3 months.

The previous recipe that the students and I made together worked well enough but sadly, the dough did not last for more than a week. So far, this new play dough recipe is holding up well.

Enjoy the new recipe!

Sincerely,



Mr. K