



## **Approaches to Learning Activity for 36 to 42 Months**

### **Touchy Feely Box**

*This activity provides children with practice exploring and comparing items. It also encourages them to ask questions.*

#### **Materials:**

- Shoebox with holes cut out of each end
- 2 shells
- 2 pinecones
- 2 rocks

#### **What to do:**

1. Place the items in the box and put the lid on the box.
2. Have the child and a playmate sit with the box on the table between them.
3. Have one child put a hand in the box, touch an object, and try to use words to describe it. Tell her to keep her hand in the box and hold on to the object.
4. Have the other child try to find the same object by touch.
5. When the second child thinks that she has found the object, have them both remove their hands and show the objects that they found.
6. Help them use words to talk about what they found. Is it "hard," "soft," "smooth," "rough," "bumpy"?
7. Let them continue with the box so they both have turns to describe the objects.

