# **Sensory Bottles**

Start with clean dry clear plastic bottles. Remove all labels and residual glue with Goo Gone.

# <u>Wave Bottle</u>

- Fill bottle 2/3 full with water
- Add several drops of blue food coloring to the water
- Fill the bottle to the top with mineral or baby oil
- Put a little E6000 glue inside the bottle cap rim before screwing it on
- Wrap a strip of transparent duct tape around the bottle cap and neck of the bottle
- The mineral oil doesn't mix with the water so it looks like pretty waves when you turn it on its side and rock it back and forth

## <u>I Spy Bottle</u>

- Fill bottle 2/3 full with colored rice
- Drop in some small items -- fabric shapes, small buttons, tiles, alphabet letters, foam shapes, small beads, etc.
- Put a little E6000 glue inside the bottle cap rim before screwing it on
- Wrap a strip of transparent duct tape around the bottle cap and neck of the bottle
- As the child turns the bottle or shakes it, new items will appear. "What do you see?"

#### Beach Bottle

- Fill bottle 2/3 full of sand
- Drop in some small sea shells (plastic or real)
- Put a little E6000 glue inside the bottle cap rim before screwing it on
- Wrap a strip of transparent duct tape around the bottle cap and neck of the bottle

## Magnet Bottle

- Fill bottle half full with salt
- Add pins, paper clips, magnetic chips and marbles, and small metallic objects to the salt and shake
- Put a little E6000 glue inside the bottle cap rim before screwing it on
- Wrap a strip of transparent duct tape around the bottle cap and neck of the bottle
- Let the children put a small magnet or magnetic wand on the side of the bottle and try to find hidden objects by slowly dragging the magnet

## Glitter Bottle

- Fill bottle with 1/2 corn syrup and 1/2 water. Then add one, two or three colors of glitter
- Put a little E6000 glue inside the bottle cap rim before screwing it on
- Wrap a strip of transparent duct tape around the bottle cap and neck of the bottle
- The corn syrup will make the glitter fall slowly and sparkle on its way down
- To make it better, add a couple of drops of food coloring for a brighter bottle
- You can also include sequins and small, light beads for added effects...and to teach children about physics, as each item will fall differently

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