

# Rice and Ice Sensory Activity for School-Agers

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Rice and Ice Sensory Activity is a fun activity that provides an opportunity to play with rhyming words, explore scientific concepts and learn about primary color mixing with all the benefits of sensory play.

To begin this activity you can read the story *Little Blue and Little Yellow* by Leo Lionni which is a perfect fit for mixing primary colors. Children are able to watch the color of the rice change as the blue and yellow ice begin to melt and combine to create a secondary color, green.



## What You Will Need:

You will need the story *Little Blue and Little Yellow* by Leo Lionni, two ice cube tray, yellow and blue food coloring, water, large tub and 1 cup of dry uncooked rice. Prepare yellow and blue ice cubes ahead of time.

## Some Ideas:

- Talk about the rhyming words rice and ice: can you think of another word that rhymes with rice and ice? Words such as mice, twice, vice, nice and so on. You may like to try and write these words in the wet rice on the tray.
- Talk about the two different colored ice blocks and make predictions about what will happen. Make connections with what is happening in the sensory tub and the story *Little Blue and Little Yellow*.
- Sort the colored ice into groups according to color.
- Line all the ice blocks up around the outside of the tray. Try to build and stack with the ice blocks.

## Ask questions:

- Why is water changing color?
- What is happening to the rice?
- What colors can you see? I can see...
- Why is the ice getting smaller?