



Thinking Abilities and General Knowledge Activity for 48 to 54 Months

Favorite Ice Cream Graph

Graphing is a visual way for children to experience the concepts of "more" or "less."

Materials:

- Poster board or paper, 18 by 16 inches laminated or covered with clear contact paper
- Brown construction paper cut into cone shapes to form the base of each column
- Name tags made from construction paper circles in colors to represent the ice cream flavors
- Tape to attach name tags to the chart

What to do:

1. Ask the children individually to tell you their favorite flavor of ice cream so you know which flavors to include on the graph. (Do this the day before the activity.)
2. Paste the paper-cone shapes at the bottom of the poster board and write a flavor under each cone.
3. Invite the children, one by one, to find their name tag and tape their "ice cream" above the cone.
4. Have the children count to quantify how many children chose each flavor of ice cream.
5. Have the children compare column heights to determine whether there are more, fewer, or the same number of choices of flavor.

