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Straw Blowing

Recommended Age: 25–30 Months

STEM concepts: Science (physical science, life science), technology (simple tools)

Materials: straws, pom-poms, feathers, small rocks, paper, confetti (if you don't mind a mess), a baking sheet

What to do: Place all of the different materials around a baking sheet. Have your child choose different items to place on the tray and try blowing them with a straw.

Language and Communication: Ask your child what happens when they blow air into the straw at an object? Talk with your child about how much air they need to blow into the straw to move different objects. Ask them if they need to blow more or less in order to make something move?

Expand the Activity: Draw a maze onto a piece of paper and have your toddler blow a pom-pom along the path of the maze. Use this activity to talk about things that make wind. Talk about fans and the weather outside.

