

➤ Magic Tricks For The Month Of:

May

Change Bag:

- Open up a packet of flower seeds and sprinkle them into the hands of your students. They put them into the change bag. Produce a silk flower bouquet.
- Put sunflower seeds in, produce a long ribbon of sunflowers. (I usually have 20 students so I hot glued 20 small sunflowers to a 1/4 inch piece of green picot satin ribbon. I have a student helper gently pull out the end and we count the sunflowers as they come out of the change bag.
- I also do this trick a different way. I put in a paper sunflower and piece of green ribbon. We all say "Water, soil, and sun make growing fun!" Out comes a silk flower sunflower that I glued to the end of 2 yards of green satin ribbon that I have coiled inside the change bag. A helper student again, gently pulls out our growing, and growing sunflower as we keep giving it more water and sunshine. I purchased one of those fan-folding suns made of tissue paper. My students blow on it and I open it up and wahla a huge Mr. Sunshine unfolds. I use this paper sunshine for Eensy Weensy Spider as well.
- Put in labeled parts of a flower and pull out a real silk flower

- Put in labeled construction paper parts of a flower, pull out the glued together labeled flower (completed project) that they will cut and glue together as an art extension. I use this concept a lot. The children can then see the parts-to-a-whole concept. Their attention span is greater when I introduce a lesson this way. They listen and follow directions better in this fun introduction, and it's a nice switch from the morning whiteboard routine, especially since their attention spans are not so great in the afternoon. So, anytime you want to show the materials a child will use (pieces and parts) and the finished project and what it will look like, think of the change bag and if it would be appropriate.
- In goes the egg, out comes the tadpole.
- In goes the tadpole, out comes the frog.

Dove Pan:

- My students toss in the seeds out comes a huge bouquet of flowers. A larger one than I can produce in the change bag. I give each child their own little flower bouquet so they can put it in their Sunny D jug that they will drizzle paint in to make a Mother's Day Vase out of.
- In goes a paper tadpole out comes my frog puppet.
- In goes a paper frog + a fly, out comes my frog windsock.
- I toss the materials for the chilren's Mother's Day gift in my Dog pan, out comes a lovely "Pocket of Love" filled with all the goodies they will be making their mommies. (ee May photos for a pix of this great gift.)