Candy Corn Patterns Ages 2 years to 3 years

Objective: The child begins to learn about patterns after coloring a picture that looks the same as the one next to it.

Materials needed:

Candy Corn Patterns Sheet (print from resources page)

Crayons: White, Yellow, and Orange <u>ONLY</u> **Procedures:**

- 1. Sit at a table with your child for this activity.
- 2. With your child, go over the colored patterns the candy corn has on the sheet. Point to the colors on the candy corns and say them with your child. White...orange...yellow....continue...
- 3. Have your child color to make this same pattern on both of the white candy corns on the sheet. Always refer back to the candy corn to teach child what colors belong where.
- 4. Hand your child the large candy corn sheet and encourage them to color it any way they want with the crayons. Do not influence, just watch as they learn by doing.

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It is not expected for a child at this age to color in the lines perfectly, follow the same colors as what a candy corn actually is, or be able to understand what a pattern is yet. This activities purpose is to get them familiar with objects that have similar looking patterns by the way their colors are layered. **FOR SNACK:** Give your child real candy corns to eat. Talk about and show to child the colors on them, referring back to how they all have the same "pattern" on them. White, orange, yellow....

Milestones to meet:

The child can hold a crayon and color with it. The child begins to make an awareness that candy corns have the same looking colored patterns on them.

Evaluation:

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?