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- What in the World?:** Oatmeal Roll
- What do you need?:** Empty oatmeal box, small items that fit inside
- What you do:** Put items such as a ball, rattle, pasta, or any small toy into the box and put on the lid. Sit on the floor with your child and roll the container to him. Ask “What is making that noise? What do you think it is? Let’s see.” Then, open the container. Older toddlers will open it themselves and enjoy putting different items in it. Talk about what fits and what doesn’t fit. “Will the pillow fit in the box? Let’s try. No, that’s too big, what else can we try?”
- Tips:** Be as silly as you can in guessing what will fit. The answers are not obvious to babies like they are to us.
- Value:** Physical — Auditory and visual discrimination, small muscle development.
Math Counts — Prediction, experimentation, volume comparison.
Science Rocks — Properties of objects (round objects roll), experimentation (trying to see what fits).
- Variations:**
- 1.) Find containers of different sizes and experiment with them. Find a box that your child can fit into (that will be a favorite activity!)
 - 2.) Tape or glue pictures to the outside of the box; pictures of your family, pet, or magazine pictures of toys, nature, etc.

We did it!

Name

Signature/Stamp