

Sensory Motor Activities By Catherine Risigo-Wickline, MS.OTR/L

Calming activities to help a child organize him/her self:

- > Roll up child in a blanket like a hot dog, pretend to rub and plop condiments on his back
- > Roll a therapy ball or bolster over his/her back like steam roller, or pretend to roll a pizza
- > Have the child stand with their arms against the wall and push the wall down with one steady push
- > Do the wheelbarrow walk, where the child walks on their hands while you hold their feet in the air
- Jump on a trampoline combine with games such as hop one time and stop, hope three times then stop put one hand on your head and hop two times, etc.
- > Roll over various objects like pillows or mats. Try holding something between knees or feet and then roll
- > Theraputty pull with extra firm theraputty or clay
- > Roll child up in blanket and have him/her do a puzzle

Vestibular activities to help child process sensory information:

- Roll back and forth putting together a puzzle. Place pieces at one end and puzzle board at the other. Arms should be held straight out overhead.
- > Roll in a straight line as fast as possible knock down bowling pins
- Stand against a wall and turn yourself around, moving down the wall. Child should be moving down the wall, not staying in one place.
- Scooter board activities
- > Pass a ball over your head then under your legs of another person
- > Try keeping a balloon up in the air by hitting it with your hands
- > Have child lie on a blanket with two adults holding the ends, than swing child back and forth.

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