Hungry, Hungry Sea Turtle

Sea turtles have a great sense of smell to help them find their food. In the ocean, the water can be murky and they may not be able to see clearly to find their meal. This activity will test your sense of smell similar to a sea turtle. With help from a partner or adult, set up a scent hunt.

Materials:

3-5 Scents: Scents can be found in your baking cabinet, vanilla extract or orange extract are good examples. You can also use essential oils. If you do not have any of these items, use scented lotions.

Cotton Balls

Re-usable Plastic Eggs or Cups (6-10)

Game Set-Up:

1. For each scent, you will make two cups or eggs. One will be for the player and one you will hide. Put each scent on two cotton balls and place in two separate eggs.
2. Repeat until you have one set of scents in eggs to give to the player and one set of scents in eggs to hide.
3. Hide one set of eggs around the room.

Game Play:

1. Once the eggs are hidden, the player will select one of their eggs. They are now going to search for the hidden egg that matches this scent to get their “food”.
2. Once the egg is found they have received one piece of food. The player will select a new egg from their set to search for the hidden egg match.
3. Continue until all eggs are found and the sea turtle is full.
4. Trade places and play again!