How to Use Your 30 Days of Sensory Play Calendar

A sensory play calendar is a simple way to add variety and balance to your child's day. Each activity is quick, low-prep, and designed to support focus, regulation, and fun.

1. Prepare Your Calendar

- Print the calendar (laminate if possible so you can reuse it).
- Post it somewhere visible fridge, classroom wall, or calm-down corner.

2. Choose Daily Activities

- Each day, pick the activity listed or let your child/students choose.
- Activities are short (about 10–15 minutes) and use common items.
- You can follow the 30-day order or mix and match based on your needs.

3. Track Progress

- Mark off each activity with a \square , sticker, or coloring in the box.
- Celebrate small wins! Motivation helps kids stay engaged.
- Use it as a challenge: "Let's see if we can finish all 30!"

4. Balance the Input

- Try to mix active (jumping, swinging) with calming (deep breathing, stretching).
- This helps build a well-rounded sensory diet across the month.

5. Tips for Success

- Keep it fun this is play, not homework.
- Offer choices between 2 activities if your child is resistant.
- Adapt activities for age and ability (younger kids may need shorter times).
- If something doesn't work one day, try again another time.

* Remember

Every child is unique. Use the calendar flexibly and discover what activities help your child regulate best. The goal isn't to "complete" all 30 perfectly — it's to explore sensory play in a fun, low-stress way.



30 Days of Sensory Play

30 Days of Quick, low-prep activities to build focus, regulation, and fun!

1	2	3	4	5
Water play with cups, spoons, and funnels	Playdough exploration— roll, squish, and cut	Rice bin with scoops and hidden toys	Bubble wrap stomping or jumping	Finger painting with washable paints
6	7	8	9	10
Sensory walk —barefoot (grass, sand, carpet)	Shaving cream play on a tray	Sand play with buckets and molds	Pom-pom scoop with spoons	Freeze toy rescue (toys in ice)
11	12	13	14	15
Bean bag toss game	Nature scavenger hunt	Water beads bin exploration	Balloon play (toss and catch)	Homemade slime squish
16	17	18	19	20
Swinging (pod or platform)	Musical instruments exploration	Glow sticks in a dark room	Cotton ball painting	Play with textured fabrics
21	22	23	24	25
Lego or block building for tactile play	Whisk and soap foam fun	Jumping on a trampoline	Sensory bottle creation (glitter, water, oil)	Chalk art outside
26	27	28	29	30
Hide-and- seek with textured items	Scented playdough (lavender, lemon)	Listen walk— identify outdoor sounds	Nature Texture Tray (leaves, sticks, rocks)	Rolling over a therapy ball

