Sensory & Movement Activities

In the Classroom

Heavy Work Activities

- Erase or wash chalkboard
- Wash desks or tabletops
- Carry a box of books
- Push or stack chairs
- Rearrange bookshelves
- Open doors for others
- Staple paper onto bulletin board
- Sharpen pencils with manual sharpener
- Wear heavy backpack
- Move trash can to another location
- Carry basket of items
- Make deliveries to the office
- Squeeze stress balls or fidget toys
- Cut heavy paper or cardboard with scissors

Movement Activities

- Sit in a rocking chair when reading or during floor time
- Sit on an inflated air cushion placed on a chair or floor
- Hand out papers and materials for the teacher
- Push your feet into theraband placed around chair legs
- Do head, neck and shoulder rolls while sitting
- Take a stretch break after sitting for a long time
- Breath deeply— in through your nose/out through your mouth

Take movement or stretch breaks throughout the day

Ask your school’s OT for equipment to try such as a weighted vest or ball chair

Weight Bearing Activities

- Chair push ups
- Push on desktop or table top
- Wall push ups
- Wheelbarrow walk
- Crab walk
- Spider walk
- Wall slides
- Crush paper into a tight ball
- Bounce on a therapy ball
- Jump on a mini-trampoline

Keep your mouth working hard with these mouth tools:

- Chew straws or coffee stirrers
- Chew on gum or, if allowed
- Chew on fish tank tubing
- Chew on licorice or twizzlers
- Sip water through a sports bottle
- Suck on hard candy or lollipops
- Such applesauce through a straw
- Each crunchy foods— Dutch pretzels or carrots
- Mints make us more alert!