



Learn About *Mobiles!*

Do

Make a mobile from materials found in the classroom or at home!

1. Collect small toys and other objects from around the house and tie them to pieces of string.
2. Tear or cut out some interesting paper shapes and tie them to pieces of string.
3. Attach the other ends of the strings to a clothes hanger.
4. Experiment with the length and position of the strings. Can you get your mobile to balance?

Ask

As your child explores, ask questions that encourage scientific thinking:

- **What shapes do you see** in your mobile?
- **How does it look different when** you look from the top/bottom/middle?
- **What other ways** could you look at it?
- **What happens when** you blow on the mobile?
- **What else could you do** to make your mobile move?

Read

Find some books about mobiles at your local library. Some of our favorites:

- *Sandy's Circus* by Tanya Lee Stone, 2008. A storybook about the artist Alexander Calder, who created mobiles and other moving works of art.
- *How to Have Fun Making Mobiles* by the Creative Educational Society, 1981. Instructions for making many other types of mobiles.