

## **Tactile Fossils**

This activity was designed with the lower grade levels in mind, but could be fun and explorative for a child of any age.

Many of the *Virginia Standards of Learning* that apply to the “Creating Fossils” activity also apply here. Consider setting up the activity in stations.

### **Activity:**

What student wouldn't love digging for fossils? Set up a fossil “creation station” in your room. This activity could also substitute for the previous one where students make more permanent fossils.

In one station, a box of sand or dirt holds buried objects for which the students search using a variety of tools such as toothpicks and brushes. May be combined with a science lesson on soil components.

Categorize found objects based on groups that students create.

Collect a basket of various objects such as Popsicle sticks, noodles, toothpicks and challenge students to create shapes or replicate a design they saw in a fossil.

Challenge your students to be creative and abstract.