



# Let's Play with the Dandelions!

Himawari Preschool

Dandelions are everywhere!

Here I will introduce many ways to enjoy dandelions! Please try as many as you can with your children!

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bubbles</b></p> <p>Dandelions' stems are hollow, and can be used as straws. When you take one end and cut length-wise in quarters and put in water, it curls out! You can also make bigger bubbles that way. You can also use many stems at the same time to make lots of bubbles. (the stems taste bitter, but that's the taste of Spring!)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cooking ①</b></p> <p><u>Dandelion tea</u>...Put some flowers in some hot water, then it turns a pretty yellow color. You can put sugar or honey in for taste, but don't put in too much.  <u>Tempura</u>...You can fry flowers and leaves with tempura batter. I made flower tempura. Yum!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Blow the fluff!!</b></p> <p>Kids are so cute when they blow off the fluff! Kids can turn around with many dandelions or they can swing them like a magic wand! It is better to pick the wide open fluffballs (and not blow into your neighbor's yard!)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dandelion bouquet</b></p> <p>Let's make 20 dandelions bouquet to your mom, dad or someone you love. Can you count in Japanese? If not, try 10!</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Flower Cooking</b></p> <p>Every spring, kids make the "Dandelion cake" and "Dandelion salad" at outside play for me. What's the special menu for you today?          Enjoy the chef's special!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cooking ②</b></p> <p>Dandelion salad...Just put on your favorite salad for decoration.          Pancake...Put some yellow petals in the batter and bake. You can't tell the taste or color, but kids feels they ate the dandelions.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Little Dandelion Garden</b></p> <p>The bench at school has lots of holes and kids put dandelions in the holes. You can make holes with a pencil in a styrene foam tray and plant a dandelion in each hole. If your kids can count a lot, let them count how many dandelions. There are about 100 dandelions below.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cooking ③</b></p> <p>In Jello: Make pale jello or milk jello, then you can see the petals well. Just put in petals before it hardens. Or, just use as a topping on Ice cream or yogurt. It's easy to handle petals when your hands are dry.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>From the dandelion to the fluff</b></p> <p>Put dandelions your kids picked in the vase. How long does it take the dandelion turn to the fluff? If you put the thin wire into the stem, it keep straight and you can enjoy long time even it turn to the fluff</p>



# たんぽぽいっぱいあつめよう！

## たんぽぽであそぼう！

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### わたげとぼし

よくかわいたわたげをつよくふいてみよう！わたげはどこまでとんでいくな？



### うでわ

ゆびでくきをたてにさきます。

さいたくきをうでにまいて、さきをむすぶとできあがり！



### ふえ

くきのさきをかたほうだけつぶします。

くきをひとさしゆびのながさにきります。



つぶしたところをくわえてつよくふくとおとがでるよ。

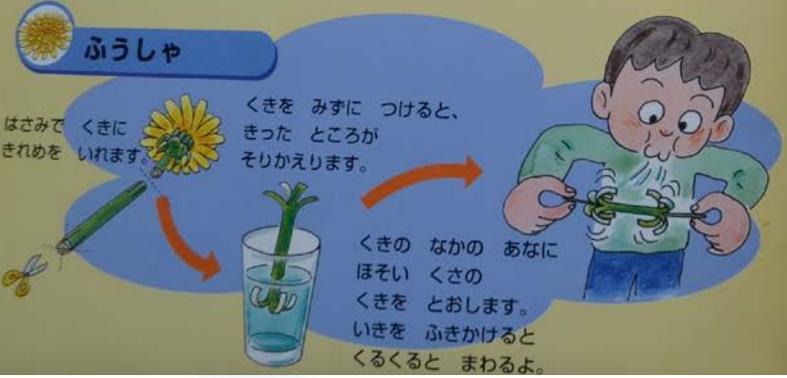


### ふうしゃ

はさみでくきにきれめをいれます。

くきをみずにつけると、きったところがそりかえります。

くきのなかのあなにほそいくさのくきをとおします。いきをふきかけるとくるくとまわるよ。



### たまふき

くきのさきのかたほうにきれめをいれます。

くきをみずにつけます。



かみをちいさくまるめてくきがひらいたほうにのせ、はんたいがわからそっとふいてうかせます。

