## MATHEMATICAL MODELING WITH CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CONTEXTS (M2C3)

Slime Task!


The $2^{\text {nd }}$ graders are going to make slime for a science celebration. They need your help to decide which slime they should make. You can choose from a few popular slime recipes.


- What do you know about slime?
-What do you know about slime recipes?
- What do you need to know to help the $2^{\text {nd }}$ graders decide which slime to make?
-What do you need to assume?



## Choosing a recipe

These are the 6 types of slime you will choose from:


Edible


Flubber


Soapy


Glitter


Glow in the dark


## Part 1: Calculating the Costs of Different Slime Recipes

Version A

## Calculating the cost of slime

First, the $2^{\text {nd }}$ graders want to know how much it will cost to make each of the slime recipes.

Each kind of slime has its own list of ingredients and information about how to make it.

You will need to use the ingredients to calculate how much it will cost to make a "class portion" of each type of slime.


## Slime Recipes

$\left.\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|}\hline \text { Slime Type } & \text { Special Ingredients } \\ \hline \text { Fluffy } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Shaving cream, glue, baking soda, saline } \\ \text { solution } \\ \text { Glue, water, liquid starch }\end{array} \\ \hline \text { Flubber } & \text { Glitter glue, borax, water } \\ \hline \text { Glittery } & \text { Glow in the Dark }\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { Glue gel, borax solution, phosphorescent } \\ \text { zinc sulfide (ZnS) or glowing paint, water }\end{array} \right\rvert\, \begin{array}{l}\text { Sweetened condensed milk, cornstarch, } \\ \text { flavoring (optional) }\end{array}\right\}$

What do you notice about the ingredients?

## Slime Recipes

- Some of the ingredients come in individual containers.
- Some of the ingredients come in large containers that will provide enough for a class-size portion.

| Slime | Special Ingredients |
| :--- | :--- |
| Fluffy | Shaving cream, glue, baking <br> soda, saline solution |
| Flubber | Glue, water, liquid starch |
| Glittery | Glitter glue, borax, water |



## Calculating the cost of slime

You can use prices of ingredients to find the total cost of each kind of slime.

| Ingredient | Price for a <br> table portion <br> of slime | Price for a <br> class portion <br> of slime |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Glue (washable) | $\$ 1.50$ | $\$ 20.00$ |
| Gliter glue or glue gel | $\$ 3.50$ |  |
| Baking soda |  | $\$ 1.00$ |
| Liquid starch |  | $\$ 7.00$ |
| Borax powder | $\$ 4.00$ |  |
| Sweetened condensed milk | $\$ 2.50$ |  |
| Cornstarch |  | $\$ 2.00$ |
| Glowing paint | $\$ 1.00$ | $\$ 24.00$ |
| Shaving cream | $\$ 1.00$ | $\$ 5.00$ |
| Food coloring |  |  |
| Saline Solution |  |  |

## Part 1 Task: Calculating Costs

- Use the information in the "Cost of Slime Ingredients" table to calculate the cost for making a "class portion" of each type of slime.
- Write an equation to show how you figured out the cost of a "class portion" of each type of slime.
- Include unit labels so that it is clear what each number means.
- Then add the cost to the "Comparing Slime Recipes" table.


## [OPTIONAL] Warm-up Questions

For example, let's say we are going to make Flubber Slime.

1. If you buy individual bottles of glue, how many will you need to buy for the whole class? How much will all the bottles cost?
2. If you buy a bottle of liquid starch, how many will you need to buy? How much will this cost?
3. What is the total price to make Flubber Slime for the whole class?
4. How could you write an equation to represent your work?

## Part 2: Choose a Slime Recipe (Version A)

## Choosing a slime recipe

Cost is not the only factor to consider.
There are other differences between the different types of slime.

Here are some criteria you can consider.
Raise your hand for the criteria that are most important to you:

- Is the slime easy and quick to make?
- Does the slime have safe ingredients?
- Is the slime reusable?
- Does it have special features?
- Does the recipe make a lot?



## COMPARING SLIME RECIPES

| Slime | Ingredients | Time to make | Safe Ingredients? | Reusable? | Special features | Size of a table portion of slime | Cost of a class portion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fluffy | Shaving cream, glue, baking soda, saline solution | 10 min | Yes | No, it loses the "fluff" | Fluffy | About 2 cups |  |
| Flubber | Glue, water, liquid starch | 10 min | Yes | Yes | Stretchy | About $111 / 2$ cups |  |
| Glittery | Glitter glue, borax, water | 10 min | Borax can burn skin | Yes | Glittery | About 1 cup |  |
| Glow in the Dark | Glue gel, borax, phosphorescent zinc sulfide (ZnS) or glowing paint, water | 10 min | Borax can burn skin; ZnS harmful if eaten | Yes | Glows in the dark | About $11 / 2$ cups |  |
| Edible | Sweetened condensed milk, cornstarch, flavoring | 30 min (heat it on stove) | Yes | Lasts for 1 or 2 days | You can eat it | About 2 cups |  |
| Soapy | Bars (or pieces) of soap a jar, water | 1-2 days | Yes | No, dissolve after 1 use | Clean | About 2 cups |  |

What do you notice? What do you wonder?

## Choose a slime recipe

- Use the information in the "Comparing Slime Recipes" table to compare and contrast the different types of slime.
- Decide which information is most important in your decision
- Decide which information is least important in your decision
- Use the information to rate and rank the different slime recipes


## Rating and Ranking

- What does it mean to rate items?
- Assign a score/points based on certain criteria
- Examples: "Rate the quality of sleep you got last night."
- "Rate the most recent movie you saw on a scale from 1-5."
- What does it mean to rank items?
- Compare and order multiple items
- Examples: "Rank your three favorite book genres."
- "Rank the pizza places in Tucson from most to least expensive."
- Can you imagine a situation when you would need to rate and rank items?


## Organizing Ratings and Rankings

COMPARING SLIME RECIPES

| Slime | Notes |  |  |  |  | Final Rankings |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Fluffy |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Flubber |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Glittery |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Glow in <br> the Dark |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Edible |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Soapy |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Part 2 Task: Choose a slime recipe

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## Part 3: Write a

 Recommendation
## Write a Recommendation

Tell the $2^{\text {nd }}$ graders:

- Which slime recipe you think they should make for their science celebration, and why
- What information you considered in your decision, and what information was the most important and the least important
- Your assumptions
- How much the slime will cost to make
- How others could use your plan to choose a slime recipe for their class
Use pictures, numbers and/or words to show that your plan will work.


## Part 1: Calculating the Cost of a Slime Reciepe. (Version B)

## Making slime (Version B)

We're going to focus on three slime recipes:
Fluffy
Flubber
Edible

We want to find out how much each type of slime would cost for one portion and for a class portion.

Keep in mind that ingredients are sold differently!

## Making slime (Version B)

Here are the amounts per each ingredient:

| Fluffy Slime | Shaving Cream | 2 cups |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Glue | $1 / 4$ cup |
|  | Baking Soda | $1 / 4$ teaspoon |
| Flubber Slime | Glue | 1 cup |
|  | Liquid Starch | $1 / 2$ cup |
| Edible | Sweetened <br> condensed milk | 14 fl oz. |
|  | Cornstarch | 1 Tablespoon |
|  | Flavoring (optional) | $1 / 4$ teaspoon |

## Making slime (Version B)

This table shows how ingredients are sold.

| Ingredient | Quantity | Price |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Glue | 8 fl oz. | $\$ 1.50$ |
| Shaving Cream | $10 \mathrm{fl} \mathrm{oz} can make 6$. <br> cups of foam | $\$ 2.00$ |
| Baking Soda | $1 \mathrm{lb} .(16 \mathrm{oz})$. | $\$ 1.00$ |
| Liquid Starch | 64 fl oz. | $\$ 7.00$ |
| Sweetened condensed milk | 14 fl oz. | $\$ 2.50$ |
| Cornstarch | $1 \mathrm{lb} .(16 \mathrm{oz})$. | $\$ 2.00$ |
| Flavoring | 2 fl oz. | $\$ 5.00$ |

This video shows how one can of shaving cream makes tons of foam!

## Additional Examples of Slime Recipes

## SUPPLIES <br> - Washable PVA Glue

- Liquid Starch
- Water
- Measuring Cups
- Bowl
- Spoon
- Food Coloring


## STEPS

- Mix 1 C of glue and 1 C of water in bowl.
- Add food coloring if desired.
- Add $1 / 2$ C liquid starch
- Stir thoroughly.
- Knead with hands.

SUPPIIES

- Washable PVA Glue
- Saline Solution
- Baking Soda
- Shaving Cream
- Measuring Cups
- Bowl
- Spoon
- Food Coloring

STEPS

- Add 3-4 C shaving cream to bowl.
- Mix in 1/2 C of glue
- Add food coloring if desired.
- Mix in 1/2 TSP Baking Soda.
- Add 1 TBL Saline Solution
- Stir thoroughly.
- Knead with hands.

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