

Preschool

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Themes

My Toybox

What are the children's favorite toys? Find out during this fun theme that explores the history of toys, different types of toys and games, and the many ways children play. Turn-taking, sharing, and imagination are essential to this theme.

Hopping & Hatching

Come learn about bunnies, chicks, and other baby animals in this sweet spring theme. Children will explore characteristics of different animals, move like animals, and enjoy animal stories. Look for early signs of spring together. It's sure to be a hopping good time!

Alphabet Words

sandcastle, saw, seahorse, soap, tadpoles, teeth, toast, turtle, umbrella, umpire, unicycle, upside down

| Color/Shape | Letters/ Numbers |
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| | Ss, Tt, Uu 15, 16 |

Sign Language





Learn with Me!

Toy Repair Shop

Find old or broken toys around the house that might not work as well as they used to. Locate tape, cords, child-safe tools, toy tools, and other materials to set up a pretend toy repair shop. Inspect the toys together to determine what might be wrong. Then, invite your child to pretend to fix them. As you work together, talk about the importance of repurposing and reusing materials.

Spring Watch

Spring is the perfect time of year to notice weather changes, flowers blooming, leafy trees, and chirping birds. Create a chart with different columns and assign a spring item to each column by writing the word or drawing a picture of the item. Use this chart with your child to observe and record spring happenings. When a flower, bird, or any other sign of spring is observed, go to the chart and make an X. After a week or so, discuss the results. If your child is interested, continue monitoring other weather changes and nature features as the weather continues to warm up.

My Project: Mini Toybox

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Talk about toys that might be found in a toybox.
- Draw additional pictures to cut out and place inside the toybox.



My Project: Egg Roll

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Talk about the art technique and paint marks on the paper.
- Look around the house and see if we can find any other objects that have an oval shape.



Graphics are intended to show samples of projects.

Materials may be substituted or used differently.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Book List

The Loud Librarian by Jenna Beatrice

The Doll Hospital by Kallie George

Love Is a Ball by Amy Novesky

Brave Enough for Two by Jonathan D. Voss

Blue Chicken

by Deborah Freedman

Plant the Tiny Seed

by Christie Matheson

Chickenology: The Ultimate Encyclopedia

by Barbara Sandri and Francesco Giubbili

Bunny's Book Club

by Annie Silvestro

Recipe

Springtime Strawberry Dip 8 oz. fresh or frozen strawberries 4 oz. cream cheese 1/4 cup sour cream 3 T. sugar (optional)

Place strawberries in a food processor or blender and process until smooth. Add the cream cheese, sugar, and sour cream. Blend again until smooth. Serve with fresh fruit to dip, such as apples, pineapple, kiwi, or bananas!



Songs

Putting Our Toys Away

Sung to "Farmer in the Dell"

We're putting our toys away. We know it won't take all day. We'll get it done, then go have some fun, We're putting our toys away.



Hopping Through the Forest

Sung to "I've Been Working on the Railroad"

I am (hopping) through the forest, What a happy day! I am (hopping) through the forest, To pass the time away. I can see a fallen log, What could be inside? I think I'll check it out, Perhaps it's a place to hide! Repeat with other animal movements.



| Reminders | |
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