



# Sept/Oct 2023 NEWSLETTER

## Themes

### Wonderful Me

What makes each person special? Come find out in this unique theme that celebrates the personality and abilities of each child. Playful activities help children build strong relationships with each other and their caregivers.

### Where We Live

Everyone has a home, but not all homes are the same. In this theme, children will learn about many kinds of homes and the people and animals who live in them. Children will make connections between their homes and their home away from home—your setting!

### Curious Critters

Curious critters are everywhere! Help children learn more about the everyday animals that surround them. Discover squirrels, raccoons, mice, and more in this theme as you move like animals, explore textures and sounds, and settle into autumn.

### Fairy Tale Friends

Let imaginations run wild as you introduce the children to classic tales and nursery rhymes! Foster vocabulary development and a love for reading as you build castles and pretend play together.

## Vocabulary

family, mirror, birthday, neighborhood, kitchen, home construction, mouse, skunk, raccoon, castle, pretending, pumpkin patch

## Colors/Shapes



## Opposites

in/out

## Sign Language



grandma

With open hand at chin, move palm forward in two small arcs.



grandpa

With open hand at forehead, move palm forward in two small arcs.



sister

Make Ls with both hands. Touch L of dominant hand to chin; bring hand down to second L.



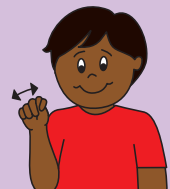
brother

Make Ls with both hands. Touch L of dominant hand to forehead; bring hand down to second L.



diaper

Make a V with each hand pointing out from waist. Pinch fingers and thumb together (like diaper pins).



potty

Make T with right hand. Shake hand side to side a couple times.

## Learn with Me!

### • Building Together

Invite your child to join you in building houses and buildings. Use different types of building blocks and tools. What kind of house would your child like to build? Add to the fun by including toy animals in the play. Are there familiar names your child would like to use for the toy animals?

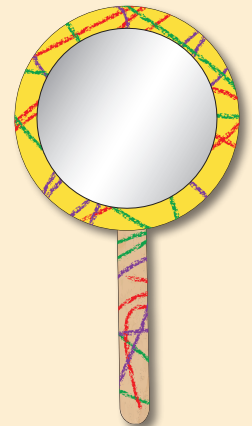
### • Library Visit

Spend part of the day at a local library with your child. Libraries often offer group readings for toddlers and their families. You may also want to ask the librarian for your child's favorite stories in audiobook format. Play the audiobooks while in the car together. Notice how your child reacts to listening to stories in this format.

### My Project: My Mirror

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Make funny faces while looking at our reflections in the mirror together.
- Compare reflections in the project with other hand mirrors.
- Talk about how mirrors come in different sizes and shapes.
- Talk about our facial features.



*Graphic is intended to show sample of project. Materials may be substituted or used differently.*

