

Curriculum for Pre-K: Summer Side Trips E–Z Planner

Take Home Opportunities

A sampling of learning experiences, in addition to the Discoveries-to-Go, that provide ways to connect and engage families in the topic of study.

Skill and Concept Focus

An easy way to see a sample of learning experiences that focus on colors, shapes, numbers, and/or letters.

Subtopic 1: Summer Fun

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Paint a Ball	18
How I Change	20
Chef Hats	22
Sound Necklaces	23
Fossils	27
Favorite Things	30

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Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
Sponge Toss	17				
Shadow Golf	19				
Coloring Cookies	21				
Chef Hats	22				
Drops on a Penny	25				
Puddle Check	29				
Favorite Things	30				
Carnival Prep	31				

Subtopic 2: Nature Escapes

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Flower Power	42
Nature in Balance	46
Shades of Grass	46
Worm Painting	50
Does It Belong?	52
Make Bird Tracks	54
Make Beaks	54

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Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
Classroom Tree	38				
Beanbag Toss	39				
Muddy and Doughy	42				
I Detect . . . Colors!	44				
Rock It!	45				
Floating Around	45				
The Beat of Bird Calls	53				
Make Beaks	54				

Subtopic 3: Creative Corner

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Speak Up!	66
Sock Puppet Sounds	68
Butterfly Puppets	69
Clothespin Dolls	70
I'm a Creative Writer	72
Listening Dolls	74
Make An Art Cake	78
Soap Dough	79

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Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
Playground Favorites	61				
Puddle Prints	62				
Create an Air Show	65				
Sock Puppet Sounds	68				
I'm a Creative Writer	72				
Make an Art Cake	78				
Air Draw Dancing	79				
Soap Dough	79				

Expanded Interest Area Ideas

Sensational Senses – This topic provides the perfect opportunity to create an in-depth focus on the five senses. Add new and different textures to your science center (sandpaper, fabrics, bubble wrap, etc.), provide new musical choices through instruments and songs, offer summer fruits and vegetables for children to taste, and don't forget to use your Funglasses! (Testing Tastes, p. 21; Bottle Pipes, p. 22; Slimy Time, p. 26; Listen Up!, p. 36; Colors in Nature, p. 44; Let's Find Out, p. 60; Soap Dough, p. 79)

All the World's a Stage – Shine a spotlight on your young performers! Enhance your dramatic play area with musical instruments, capes, sunglasses, hats, props from favorite storybooks, a microphone (or paper-towel rolls to pretend), a flashlight for a spotlight, and more for children to take center stage. (3 Moves Dance, p. 18; This Is My Voice, p. 62; Star Stage, p. 64; Many Performances, p. 64; Abracadabra!, p. 65; Act It Out!, p. 66; Doll Hospital, p. 70)