

Curriculum for Pre-K: Light and Dark E-Z Planner

Take Home Opportunities

A sampling of learning experiences, in addition to the Discoveries-to-Go, that provide ways to engage families and connect them to what children are learning.

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: Exploring Light and Dark

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Story Retelling	12
Goodnight, Moon	13
Painting Light & Dark	16
Night Sky	17
Mosaics	17

Skill and Concept Focus

Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
Light and Dark	12				
Matching Shades	13				
Light Scenes	14				
Shades of Color	15				
Let the Sun Shine In	16				

Subtopic 2: Why Is Light Important?

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Wishes	24
Signs	25
Let There Be Light	28
Candle Makers	29
You Are My Sunshine	30

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Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
Write with Light	24				
Signs	25				
Did It Grow?	26				
Shady Shapes	27				
Around the Fire	28				

Subtopic 3: Creating with Light and Dark

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Rhyme Time	36
Paper Patterns	38
Light and Dark Dough	39
Paint Palette	41
Tissue Tints	41

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Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
Rhyme Time	36				
Light & Dark Display	37				
Let It Glow	37				
Sun Prints	40				
Move Your Body	42				

Subtopic 4: In the Dark

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Telescopes	49
Seeing the Moon	50
Design in the Dark	51
Twinkle, Twinkle	55
Wish Box	56

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Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
The Write Stuff	48				
What Do You See?	49				
Animal Match	51				
In the Night Sky	52				
Shadow Moves	54				

Expanded Interest Area Ideas

Camping – Use a small tent, sleeping bags, and other camping gear, to create a campsite within the classroom. Don't forget the S'mores! (It Melts!, p. 27; Around the Fire, p. 28; Campfire Songs, p. 30)

Planets/Solar System – Create the nighttime sky in your classroom! This topic provides an excellent framework for a discussion about the Earth, sun, moon, stars, and more! (Night Sky, p. 17; Rainbow Maker, p. 26; Sun Prints, p. 40; Seeing the Moon, p. 50)