

Curriculum for Threes: 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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Subtopic 2: Nature Escapes

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Subtopic 3: Creative Corner

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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! (Special Smoothies, p. 20; Sweet, Cool Treat, p. 21; Edible Art, p. 22; Is It Gooney?, p. 24; Gooney Goop, p. 25; Coffee Concoction, p. 25; Textured Dough, p. 27; Look Closely, p. 37; Weigh and Measure, p. 41; Tweet, Chirp, Trill, p. 53; Who's Reporting?, p. 61; Shape It! Sculpt It!, p. 78; Finger Paint Prints, 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. (Sports, Sports, p. 19; Let's Cook!, p. 22; Super Scientists, p. 26; Just Beachin', p. 30; Look – It's Alive!, p. 34; Hop, Hop, Hop p. 39; Shine and Grow, p. 43; The Itsy, Bitsy Spider, p. 50; Beautiful Birds, p. 52; Reporting Live!, p. 62; Our Play, p. 64; Cool Karaoke, p. 71; Very Hungry Story, p. 73)