

# Curriculum for Toddlers: 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 |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Ping-Pong Painting  | 18          |
| Gooey Glue          | 22          |
| Cool Painting       | 23          |
| Bumpy Paint         | 26          |
| Ice Art             | 26          |

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|----------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------------|-----------------|
| Find That Color      | 16          |        |        |              |                 |
| In the Hoop          | 19          |        |        |              |                 |
| Chewy, Gooey Pizza   | 20          |        |        |              |                 |
| Cool and Creamy      | 21          |        |        |              |                 |
| Find It on the Beach | 24          |        |        |              |                 |
| Chalk Shapes         | 25          |        |        |              |                 |

### Subtopic 2: Nature Escapes

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| Learning Experience  | Page Number |
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| Rind Painting        | 34          |
| Petal Dough          | 37          |
| Textures from Nature | 38          |
| Colorful Collage     | 38          |
| Shapes from Nature   | 38          |
| Spots and Stripes    | 42          |

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| What's Heavier?     | 33          |        |        |              |                 |
| Peek-a-Boo Pictures | 36          |        |        |              |                 |
| Nature Book Colors  | 36          |        |        |              |                 |
| Color Sort          | 37          |        |        |              |                 |
| Find It in Nature   | 40          |        |        |              |                 |
| Hungry Frog         | 43          |        |        |              |                 |

### Subtopic 3: Creative Corner

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| Learning Experience | Page Number |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Musical Painting    | 50          |
| Mirror Painting     | 50          |
| Pretend to Write    | 54          |
| Harold's Crayon     | 56          |
| Colored Sand        | 57          |

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|---------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------------|-----------------|
| Tapping Feet        | 49          |        |        |              |                 |
| Shining Stars       | 51          |        |        |              |                 |
| Mmm, Good!          | 52          |        |        |              |                 |
| Harold's Crayon     | 56          |        |        |              |                 |
| Find and Match      | 56          |        |        |              |                 |
| Marker Marks        | 57          |        |        |              |                 |

### 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! (Listen and Do, p. 16; Hide-and-Seek Balls, p. 17; Chewy, Gooey Pizza, p. 20; Soggy Sand Castles, p. 20; Squish and Freeze, p. 21; Picture Paths, p. 32; Melon Discoveries, p. 33; Garden Snack, p. 33; Hopping Crickets, p. 41; Rat-a-Tat, p. 49; Texture Prints, p. 58)

**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. (Ball Players, p. 18; Dance with Balls, p. 19; What Does It Do?, p. 20; Digging Veggies, p. 34; Flower Garden Fun, p. 42; Garden Moves, p. 43; Our Own Playhouse, p. 46; I Can, p. 48; Stars on Stage, p. 50)